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# CORRESPONDENCE,

From *April* to *July* 1783,

Stuart (James) K

WITH

## The Select Committee at *Fort St. George*, and Others;

CONNECTED WITH

## The MILITARY OPERATIONS in the *Carnatick* during that Period.

# LETTERS

FROM

## Major General JAMES STUART,

Commanding his *Majeſty*'s, and the *Eaſt India* Company's Troops in the *Carnatick*;

TO THE

## Select Committee of *Fort St. George*, and Others,

Connected with the Military Operations in *April*, *May*, *June*, and *July* 1783,

Againſt the *French*, *&c.* at *Cuddalore*,

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Moſtly referred to, in the STATE of FACTS and PROOFS, delivered (*October* 10, 1783) to the Select Committee.

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### From Major General STUART, to Mr. Secretary HUDDLESTONE.

*Fort St. George*, *April* 8, 1783.

THERE having been *no* Committee ſummoned, to *my* knowledge, ſince the *fourth* Inſtant, as I had reaſon to expect, from the important buſineſs of different nature undecided and depending; and being in doubt whether there may not, as lately, an entire week intervene between the meetings—I am *now*, in courſe of duty, and as expected from *my* ſtation, by *the Inſtructions* 1774, to requeſt you will

ſend in circulation, to the Right Honourable Preſident and Members of the Select Committee, the paper encloſed, to be read in conſultation next Meeting, being, with all deference, *my Plan* of Military Preparations and Operations, ſuited, in my humble opinion, to the preſent ſtate and criſis of Public Affairs:* It is, in ſubſtance, what I had in readineſs to preſent at the laſt Meeting in Committee, if the Right Honourable Preſident had not, *for the day*, thought proper, *alone*, to occupy the whole field of *Mars*.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

[Encloſure in the preceding Letter].

## *PLAN preſented to the Select Committee by the Commander in Chief of the Troops in the *Carnatick*, *April* 8, 1783.

GENERAL STUART.

I HAVE been at all times ready to preſent to Government every communication in the line of my duty and profeſſion, ſuited to *my* ſtation, *neceſſarily* connected with any Plan of Military Operations;—the diſtinction, which in prudence on ſuch occaſions ſeemed neceſſary, was, to take every way to keep it a *ſecret* from the enemy; this can only *beſt* be done by delaying entering into any *detailed* plan, until immediately before it was to be executed, or by a *ſeparate* communication with the Preſident, with conſent of the Members of Government, and not entering it *for the time* on record;—the laſt way, in ſome things, I *attempted* †, and (it) is *ſince* on record, as are all the Plans of Operations which have occurred to me while in the command of the Army here: I now refer thereto for their uniformity, even *after* future events are known.—What I am *now* to offer, with deference, as

† See, in this Collection, No. I. to No. IV.—from Dec. 15, 1782, to Jan. 2, following. J. S. 1784.

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*my* opinion, for *Preparation* and *Operation* is, to a trifle, the ſame with what I had adopted *before* the arrival of M. De Buſſy, and *before* knowing the *late* happy events on the *other coaſt*.

The Plan *. 1. I am of opinion, that, previous to this Army leaving the neighbourhood of the Preſidency, the Army carriage and convoys ſhould continue to be employed, *as they now are*, in throwing a quantity of rice into Chingleput, equal to 16,000 bags, or a full month's proviſions for all claſſes; alſo the uſual proviſions and ſpirits for the Europeans, for that time, at leaſt.

2. It ſhall be my buſineſs to throw proviſions in *proper* places forwards, ſo as to make ſure of a ſtore in advance, as well as in the rear of the Army.

3. I recommend the continuing of the Coolies in the Agent's department (after we leave the Preſidency), making as many trips as they can, in the week or month, to Chingleput by the *Pollams*, in the uſual track, where a ſmall eſcort will be needed.—In this way the ſtore at Chingleput may be nearly kept up, as the reſort in caſe of *neceſſity or accident by ſea*.

4. When the Army marches, it ought to be provided with at leaſt 2500 good ſlaughter cattle; becauſe I ſee no chance of having freſh ſupplies but from the neighbourhood of Pondicherry, or the *Cowl* villages, or from the Chillumbrum countries; and that is not entirely to be depended on.—Salt proviſions, as once mentioned, would be highly unfit (could it even be carried) on ſuch a ſervice, *where the buſineſs is chiefly to be decided by Europeans;* and therefore the proper food, ſpirits, and medicines, on which *their* health depends, ought *now* to demand our moſt ſerious attention and provident care.

* *This Plan is referred to, in the State of Facts (Part* II. *page* 11*); and it ought, in* fair *argument, to be kept conſtantly in view, along with the reſolution in Committee April* 17, 1783 *(inſerted at full length, State of Facts, Part* II. *pages* 11 *and* 12*), and more particularly on every occaſion where the expediency and neceſſity of the junction and co-operation of the ſouthern force with the main Army under my command, is at all mentioned, or brought under diſcuſſion, in the following Correſpondence (or elſewhere) with the Select Committee of Fort St. George.* J. S. 178.

5. *Thus*

5. *Thus* the Army may be ſuppoſed to proceed, in one way or another, with ſeven weeks rice and freſh proviſions; and this I ſtate as the loweſt quantity neceſſary on any *well* grounded plan of *movement* to the *ſouthward*.

6. The battering-guns*, to the utmoſt of our power, of draught cattle, and the *field complement* of ball, &c. for them, muſt alſo go with this Army.

☞ 7. So ſoon *as we are maſters at ſea*, not only veſſels loaded with rice and other neceſſary proviſions for the Army, muſt be ſent in *that* direction, but ſhot and guns, proportioned to a ſiege; and *the currents at ſea being then unfavourable*, it may be neceſſary to have the aſſiſtance of ſome of his Majeſty's ſhips, for the purpoſe either of *towing* the veſſels, or *carrying* † the things wanted; in a word, ſo ſoon as poſſible, a *magazine* of every thing wanted muſt be formed for the Army, in ſome centrical place to the ſouthward.

8. Our military operations will *then* become as certain of ſucceſs as the nature of human things will admit of; and, conſidering the great object in view, no leſs than *the extinction of the power of France in India, and the taking of all their military ſtores*; and the operation of ſuch an event, not only *in India*, but *in Europe*, we ought not, in *my* humble opinion, from a momentary hurry or plan of *ſuppoſed* diverſion, neglect *now* to ſupply, and ſend with the preſent Army, every thing that it can want, or can be furniſhed with from this Preſidency.

9. To go again to the Red-Hills, and *look*, as it were, at the French *from thence*, as on the laſt occaſion‡; returning to the Preſidency, from the want of neceſſary ſuſtenance, and other means, would argue the

* I carried ſix guns of this ſort with me. J. S. 1784.

† See, in this Collection, The Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, pages 3 to 6;—alſo my Letter to Select Committee, April 20, page 14, laſt paragraph. J. S. 1784.

‡ See, in this Collection, The Correſpondence during the Indiſpoſition of Sir Eyre Coote; particularly pages 4, 5, 6, &c. J. S. 1784.

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greateſt want of foreſight, and, in its conſequences, prove the moſt diſgraceful defeat that could poſſibly happen to this Army.

10. Neither ſhould I be of opinion to go half-way, or to keep at a diſtance, in the *idea* of diverſion or intimidation; for in this way, you will not cut off the enemy's ſupplies, while you are waſting your own, and *continuing* this moſt expenſive and unprofitable war to our Honourable Employers.

11. The Army muſt move with the *precaution* of carrying a certain quantity of rice, &c. in advance, to *certain ſtrong poſts*, thus making for Cuddalore, by the Red-Hills, or in any route, as circumſtances and our intelligence of the enemy's movements may direct.

12. If they are incloſed within the bound-hedge of Cuddalore, we ſhall keep them there and drive them further inwards; if they abandon it, we ſhall take poſſeſſion and confine them cloſer.

13. There is no time or means in the power of the French to make Cuddalore a place to reſiſt a *regular* attack, it may, by redoubts, be made a *ſtrong line of poſts*, but it and they, and all that is there, will be carried moſt certainly.

☞ 14. However, as the moſt permanent, greateſt national and particular advantages will accrue to the State, and to our Honourable Employers, from the expulſion of the French *(more indeed in my idea, than from the conqueſt of all Tippoo's Dominions)*, I offer it as *my decided opinion*, to the beſt of my judgment; "that this Government ſhould, "without delay*, *ſend orders to Colonel Lang, to prepare and provide for* "*every thing, ſo as a junction may be effected of the force*† *under his com-*" *mand, with this Army*, ſo ſoon as may be proper in *my* judgment to "communicate in correſpondence with *him*."

15. My opinion alſo is, that if happily *Carroor* is taken, it ſhould be inſtantly deſtroyed and ſtripped of all military ſtores and proviſions,

* See foot-note, page 5. J. S. 1784.

† Colonel Lang did at this time command the *whole* of the ſouthern forces. J. S. 1784.

the houſes burnt, and cattle brought off; with every thing to *aſſiſt in forcing Cuddalore*, to be brought with that Army. This is neceſſary, becauſe of the large proportion of heavy guns with the French there, which it will not be in our power to carry with this Army.

☞ 16. The two Armies, *thus* in conjunction *, muſt decide not only the fate of the French, by extinguiſhing *their* hopes of conſequence or conqueſt in India, but will alſo fix the moment moſt favourable for *giving an equitable peace to all the powers in Hindoſtan*, the moſt to the real intereſt and views of Great Britain, if properly moderated; and confined *chiefly* to *excluſive* advantages in trade, upon an equitable and advantageous footing to the country powers, with whom the *trade* is to be carried on.

17. The game ſeems indeed to be even now almoſt in our hands, for every ſuch *good* purpoſe, and the *only* bar is the exiſtence of the French at Cuddalore, a bar which I truſt will ſoon be removed; on ☞ all theſe accounts * *I ſhould adviſe both the Armies to be kept together*, until that exiſtence is put an end to, leaving only the garriſons *abſolutely neceſſary* for Tanjore and Trichinopoly diſtricts.

18. If I am called upon by Government to name a day, however *unuſual* or *unneceſſary* (conſidering that not an hour is, or has been, or will be, loſt by *me*), when this Army, with the proviſion here ſtated, will move; I ſay, that if the ſlaughter cattle for freſh meat to the Europeans are in time procured, we may move the *twentieth* or *twenty-firſt inſtant*, which time will admit of a *third* Chingleput convoy being ſent, *and to return*; for they muſt return, on every account, but particularly as the Army, in the next movement, would otherways be deprived of that proportion of carriage in rice.

19. But on that day, $\frac{20}{21}$ *of April*, I muſt call the very particular and moſt ſerious attention of this Committee to the following circumſtances: " That the Officers of this Army will be nearly ſeven months

* See foot-note, page 5. J. S. 1784.

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" and a half in arrear of pay and batta—the black troops five months " and a half—and the Europeans of his Majeſty's, and of the Com- " pany's troops, will need the immediate cuſtomary ſupplies and daily " pay."

20. M. De Buſſy *is reported* to have brought great treaſure with him, and wants men, more than money. I need not enlarge on this ſubject to the Select Committee, or on the very poſſible conſequences of temptation artfully offered; but I think it my duty to warn them of it; and *as a Member of Government, and the General*, I therefore give my opinion, " that a ſum not under 120,000 Pagodas, ſhould be with " the Paymaſter of the Army, from which the Officers to receive one " month's pay *before* they march." Indeed I don't ſee how the Army is to be otherways ſupplied after they leave the Preſidency.

21. In regard to our force in the Circars, I am of opinion it had *better* be kept there, for the ſake of *revenue*, and the appearance of things to the *Nizam*, than divided, and employed for *diverſion* in the Cummum or Cuddapa countries, unleſs the *Nizam* deſires our aſſiſtance in thoſe parts, *and is willing to pay for it.*

22. I am alſo of opinion that the *Venketegherry Rajah* be deſired, with his *own* people, and for his *own* benefit, to lay waſte all the open country belonging to the enemy, and to bring off and diſpoſe of the cattle, *here* at the Preſidency, for his *own* profit, without any one elſe ſharing or impoſing extraordinary duties on what *his* people bring for ſale.

23. The ſame order to every Pollygar or dependent on the Company, or on the Carnatic;—by ſuch means the enemy's reſources will be equally, or even more affected, than if *regular* expeditions and equipments, *at great expence of money and loſs of time, were made by the Company's troops.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

## From Major General STUART to his Excellency Lieutenant General Sir EYRE COOTE, K. B. &c.

*Fort St. George, April* 19, 1783.

IT gives me more real uneaſineſs than ever I felt in my life-time, to move with the Army from the Preſidency, without being poſſeſſed more fully than I am, of *your* wiſhes, and *your* plans for the important ſervice, which, in your abſence, I am now entering upon.

It would require a volume, and almoſt kill me with a repetition of what I have felt and ſuffered from the perſonal altercation with this Preſident, *not* from the weight or conſequence of *his* unjuſt and ill-founded imputations concerning *me* and *my conduct*, which I truſt are fully anſwered, but rather from the precious time conſumed in *neceſſary ſelf-defence*, which might have been much better employed. The ſtruggles that I have made almoſt *ſolely* in every important queſtion, on the iſſue of which the exiſtence of this main Army turned, have, thank God! contributed towards its exiſtence.

One great ſource of my uneaſineſs has ariſen from the indignant feelings I had of the preſumption to take your conduct to pieces, almoſt in every Minute of the Preſident where *he* could introduce your name. I have to requeſt your apology for what may have occurred to *me* to ſay upon different occaſions; for your conduct requires no defence;—it ſpeaks for itſelf.

Hurried as I am, I believe it will be impoſſible for me to furniſh you with the copies of every material paper, where either your Excellency's name or mine has been in queſtion; but I ſhall take care to furniſh you with the inventory or liſt of papers to call for: and I have to requeſt

that

that your Excellency will begin *at the end*, where, on the 17th of this month, you will find the moſt illiberal repreſentation, when your name is in queſtion.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

*P. S.* I go to Camp to-morrow, and have left, with the parcel for *your own uſe*, a late * letter from me to the Bengal Government, with the liſt of papers ſent to that Board by Captain Donald Campbell, who ſailed the 17th inſtant. J. S.

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## † From Major General STUART to Colonel LANG.

*Fort St. George, April* 18-20, 1783.

IT was yeſterday ſettled in Committee, that *Caroor* was to be demoliſhed, the ſtores brought away. It was alſo ſettled, that the Army with you was to co-operate with this Main Army deſtined to act againſt Cuddalore. I do not know if *official* information has as yet been ſent you on thoſe important points, but from authority I can aſſure you of it.

I congratulate you on what has happened at Caroor. I am ignorant on what further operations you are now employed; but I ſhall be very ſorry indeed, either if you fail in ſucceeding *in the preſent objects, once attempted;* or that they detain you ſo long as to *deprive us of the benefit of the junction.*

* See, in this Collection, my Letter, April 16, 1783, to the Board of Bengal; and the papers mentioned in the liſt here referred to. J. S. 1784.

† This Letter is referred to, page 12, State of Facts, &c. Part Second, and as dated the 20*th* of April 1783; but I am not certain if it was not wrote the 18th. A copy was ſent to the Select Committee, May 11, 1783. J. S. 1784.

It is propoſed, that, beſides garriſons to a certain proportion, there ſhould be left, as a ſort of Field Army, South of the Coleroon, about two battalions of Sepoys, 100 Europeans, and ſix field-pieces:—yourſelf, with the reſt of the Army, to join us in ſome poſition hereafter to be ſettled as I advance.

I expect to be abreaſt of Cuddalore about the 3d of next month. Every mode that you can deviſe, either to bring rice and ſlaughter-cattle with you, or by correſpondence or good words with the Wariore-pollam and other Polygars, ſo as they may bring rice and all ſorts of proviſions to a *free* market in Camp, for ready money, I pray you to do it, as the moſt acceptable and neceſſary ſervice to the Public.

We ſhall need the battering train; but you will hear from me upon all leſſer points on the march, and I expect to hear from you in the ſame way.

Ships with rice and ſtores will be convoyed to us; and yet every precaution is neceſſary for ſupplies by land.

*You may, if you think proper, communicate this to Mr. Sullivan.*

I look for Sir Eyre Coote hourly, and I hope he will be in time to lead us. But in all events we ſhall march the 21ſt inſtant, &c.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

† *Camp at Taumarum, April* 20, 1783.

I DO myſelf the honour of acquainting you, that I came here very early this morning, and have got through a great deal of the *detail* buſineſs of this Army. We march to-morrow morning. What I think my chief duty *now* to acquaint you of *(notwithſtanding of every return or report to the contrary)* is, that, beſides the five days rice on the Sepoys backs, the means of carriage of rice, for the fighting men of this Army, at 220 bags daily, does not exceed *fourteen days*; the *temporary* aſſiſtance from Coolies, kept with us a certain time and diſtance, beyond which they would be of no ſervice, will make up for four days more; ſo that by the utmoſt exertion of *proper* calculation ſuited to our means, marching from Atcherywauke, and allowing ſix days to our place of deſtination, we may arrive there with *thirteen* days proviſion. This quantity will, in my humble opinion, be fully ſufficient, *after I* ☞ *know our proviſion ſhips are at anchor South of Cuddalore.*

We have had a very good warning, on a former occaſion, to guard us againſt the chance of diſappointment and diſgrace, by truſting to *ſea expectation.*

I have not as yet made up my mind to offer a decided opinion to your Lordſhip, &c.; but I fairly confeſs, as the matter ſtrikes me at this moment, I ſhould be of opinion *to remain with this Army towards Atcherywauke*, which is only three days march from the Red Hills, and to ſupply ourſelves *eaſily* with rice from Chingleput, *until I have a cer-* ☞ *tainty that at leaſt the firſt diviſion of our rice and ſtore ſhips are at anchor South of Cuddalore, and his Majeſty's ſquadron paſſed on to the*

* This Letter is referred to, page 12, State of Facts, &c. Part Second. J. S. 1784.

† About 15 miles from Madras. J. S. 1784.

*South-*

*Southward.* In this way no *real* advantage will be loſt; and we ſhall bring things to that degree of certainty, which, in my humble opinion, there is no reaſon to riſk, from the difference of a few days. The French cannot avail themſelves of that time to our difadvantage.

The freſh proviſions for this Army, by the return made to me in Mr. Kenworthy's department, *does not exceed eight days.*

The Chief Engineer and Commanding Officer of Artillery, laid before me, ſome days ago, an indent of military ſtores, *to be ſent by ſea*, ſuited to the preſent ſervice. I ſigned it. It is with Mr. Scotney; and I am to requeſt your Lordſhip, &c. that the articles be put *proportionably* on board the ſhips deſtined for our aſſiſtance. Your Lordſhip, &c. know, from the Letter* to the Agent, the great outline of our *other* wants.

☞ *It is by ſea only, and by your exertion, that they can be relieved;* for I am ſorry to ſay, from *my* view of the carriage cattle, that they are in *low* condition;—the draft cattle in very high order.

I beg leave to repeat my moſt earneſt requeſt to ſend us more money —at leaſt for a month's pay to the Black Troops. I have got 30 of the 120,000 Pagodas, which I took the liberty, in deference, to offer as my opinion, neceſſary to be carried with the Army on the preſent ſervice. The nearer your Lordſhip, &c. can come up, to ſupply our neceſſary wants, the more we ſhall be obliged to you; and I, as one, moſt particularly ſo.

The monthly return, which the Adjutant General has been for weeks paſt employed about, ſo as to make it as exact and comprehenſive as poſſible, will, as I hope, be ready to ſend to you in two days hence.

The Admiral having, in a ſeparate private Letter, as I conceived, miſunderſtood my meaning, I have endeavoured to explain myſelf:— " That, although I never expected his Majeſty's ſhips would be diverted " from the route propoſed by him to the ſouthward, on account of our

* See Paper X. following (page 19.)



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" proviſion or ſtore-ſhips, yet I made it *my* particular requeſt that our " proviſion and ſtore-ſhips ſhould be taken in *tow* by his Majeſty's " ſhips, whenever they ſailed, and thrown off forty or fifty miles *ſouth* ☞ " of Cuddalore; *being convinced that they could not otherwiſe make* " *the place of rendezvous to be of uſe to us in proper time.*"

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

† *Camp, South of the Palar, April* 22, 1783.

I Did myſelf the honor of addreſſing you the 20th inſtant.

The Army encamped *South of the Palar* this day. I have accounts of the advanced brigade having left Madranticum, and that it would leave Atcherywauke alſo this day.

Nearly *eight hundred* of the Madras Coolies, under eſcort of that brigade, left their loads here, and went off. This is a diſappointment, and makes me doubtful of being able to get another trip of the remainder from hence; however, I am ſo much uſed to diſappointments of this ſort, that I have made up my mind to it, and only requeſt, when the Coolies do return, and thoſe alſo who have now deſerted, that they be with all diligence ſent back here *loaded*, and continue to do ſo as often as poſſible.

I had wrote repeatedly for *ſome time paſt* to Captain Patterſon, to ſend parties for cattle; and I am happy to find he can furniſh us with

* This letter is referred to page 13; State of Facts, Part Second. J. S. 1784.

† About three miles from Chingleput. J. S. 1784.

enough

enough to ſerve for a fortnight: they will be delivered this day to Mr. Kenworthy's receipt.

* *I truſt Colonel Lang has been informed by your Lordſhip*, &c. *in dif-*
☞ *ferent directions, of the reſolutions in Committee, relative to himſelf and the Army with him.* I have communicated to him what occurred *to me*, conformable to your intentions.

I humbly think, that Mr. John Sullivan, or Mr. Cochrane, be alſo ordered or impowered, by all poſſible means, to collect grain on the coaſt, ſo as it may be tranſported in country veſſels from the ſouthward, to our fixed landing-place.

I am informed, that, with proper encouragement, *ſo ſoon as we are maſters at ſea in thoſe parts*, the grain ſent in this way may come greatly in aid to the Army.

I have deſired Colonel Lang to acquaint the Pollygars at Wariore-pollam, Pallamcotta, and in all the diſtricts within twenty miles of Cuddalore, that there will be a *free market*, and ready money paid in our camp for rice, paddy, &c. &c.; and that *the Bazar is, and ever has been, open to every one, and no duties or perquiſites paid to any perſon.*

My mind is ſo much impreſſed with the indiſpenſable neceſſity of *now making ſure* of every poſſible means of aſſiſtance from the *preſent* convoy of his Majeſty's ſquadron, that I have thrown together, in the incloſed paper †, though a repetition ‡, the moſt eſſential articles, to be immediately put on board, and in readineſs for *towing*, ſo as the Admiral's time of ſailing may *not* be retarded on *our* account.

I incloſe alſo the laſt ¶ return made to me by the military grain-keeper, confirming what I lately had the honour of mentioning; "That "we have not bullock-carriage for fourteen days with this Army."

We muſt *neceſſarily* halt here one day, in order to fill up what we have conſumed, and to adjuſt many things which I ſee neceſſary to

* See foot-note, page 5. J. S. 1784.
† See No. I. following.
‡ See Paper X. following.
¶ See No. II. following.



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make *ſure* of in communication, ſo as the Army may move forwards from Atcherywauke, *when proper*, with the fulleſt poſſible quantity of rice, and with the leaſt diſtreſs to the *miſerable* carriage bullocks, on the care of which ſo much depends.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

*P. S.* The heat was ſo intenſe yeſterday, with the confined air in the Cloſe Jungle on the march, that above *fifty* of our Europeans, moſtly *new* men, were ſo much affected, as to be under the neceſſity of ſending them to the hoſpital at Chingleput; becauſe it being the *laſt* ſtation of the kind, I mean to carry all the Doolies *empty* from hence. I ſent a party with a few Hanoverians, on the 20th, to the Fort, under the ſame predicament.

(Signed) J. S.

[Encloſure in preceding Letter.]

## No. I.

STATEMENT of Proviſions and Stores to be put on board the Ships under Convoy of his Majeſty's Squadron, for the Uſe of the main Army, acting againſt Cuddalore.

| | | |
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| | Bags. | |
| Rice — — | 50,000 | *Being for three months to the whole Army.* |
| | Madras Garee. | |
| Horſe Gram — — | 120 | *Being for three months to the native Cavalry and Train Horſes.* |
| Horſe Gram for the Field and Staff Officers | | *Calculated for three Months, according to the indents with Mr. Roſs, or rather more, becauſe of the increaſed number of Europeans.* |

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| Arrack and Biſcuit for the Europeans. | *For three months ditto, increaſed ſomewhat on account of the Hanoverians expected by ſea.* |
| The Mortars, with the Battering Train and Military Stores, according to Lieutenant Colonel Roſs and Major Mackay's Indent, and that of Captain Moorhouſe, ſigned by me, now with Mr. Scotney. | *To be proportionably loaded on board the ſhips, as directed by Captain Moorhouſe's letter to Captain Bedford.* |
| The Tents and Camp Equipage indented for, ſhould alſo be ſhipped, leaving enough for the ſix hundred Hanoverians. | *The Scaling Ladders to be hung on the ſhip's ſides, if they cannot be put in the holds.* |
| The Cloathing, Shoes, and neceſſaries wanted for his Majeſty's Troops ſerving with the main Army, and to the Southward. | *The Cloathing arrived from England is mentioned in the General Orders lately, and proper perſons remain at Madras to take charge of it. The Officer commanding his Majeſty's Troops at the Preſidency will give the orders for the purpoſe, ſo ſoon as the particular ſhips are known.* |
| The Saddles for the native Cavalry and the Shoes for the Northward, ſhould alſo be ſent. | *The Cloathing for the Company's Battalions of Sepoys to the Southward, might be ſent by this occaſion, or as much of it as is made. The Sepoys are now quite naked.* |
| Two of the Pattamaars lately ſent from Bombay with their Crews, and a Catamaran in each, with two men. | *Highly neceſſary in communication with the ſhore, with the Commodore, the Admiral, and the Preſidency.* |



Twenty

Twenty Muſſulah Boats and crews. *Abſolutely neceſſary for landing men and proviſions.*

Four flat-bottomed boats, ſuch as thoſe employed by the Engineer in the ditch at Madras; the *Colerooon filling in a month hence*, the boats of this conſtruction, with ropes and rings, and poles to puſh them, will be highly neceſſary for the communication acroſs.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

## PAPER X.

From Major General STUART's Aid-de-Camp, to Mr. ROSS, the Army Agent for Proviſions, &c.

*Fort St. George, April* 18, 1783. *Six P. M.*

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that he received your Note, where the Governor deſires to know the proviſions of different kinds for one month for the Army to be ſent by ſea. The General ſuppoſes you will be able to inform him of the uſual expence of arrack, biſcuit, and other articles for the Europeans, and likewiſe the quantity of gram for the horſes of the Field and Staff Officers of the Army. As to the rice needed for *this* Army, and to be ſent in good bags on board ſhip, he calculates at *ſixteen thouſand* bags a month; and the *gram* needed for the black cavalry, with the train horſes, the General ſtates it at *forty Madras garce the month:* and it is *his* opinion that at leaſt *three months* proviſion of every ſort ſhould be ſent in ſhips, *in tow of the ſquadron*, at the time they ſail from the Roads, and dropt, when to the Southward of Cuddalore; *otherwiſe he thinks they will not come in aid of the expected ſervice.*

The military ſtores to go *by ſea*, are already aſcertained, and will be preſented to the Committee at firſt meeting. The General requeſts you will take occaſion to *communicate this Letter to the Governor* in anſwer to your Note.

(Signed) P. CAMPBELL,
Aid-de-Camp.

[Enclosure.]

## N° II.

## A RETURN of the Carriage for Rice with the Army, 21st of *April*, 1783.

| | No. of Bags. |
|---|---|
| Granary carriage bullocks - - | 2400 |
| Ditto carts - - - | 441 |
| Guns and tumbrils - - - | 242 |
| Total | 3083 |

N. B. Little more than 2000 Coolies, with their loads of rice, proceed with the Army for the two or three first days marches:—to carry them further would be of more real prejudice than service to the Army.

3083 bullock bags of rice will scarcely serve the Army * *fourteen* days, with the utmost care. ☜

(Signed) A. W. HEARSEY,
Grain-keeper.

[☞ *Original transmitted to the Select Committee, 22d April (1783), from* Chingleput.] J. S.

* *By this is meant the* fighting men *of the Army. The followers in the pay of the Company, &c. consume nearly the same quantity, and they were obliged to carry it; but the public stores had to furnish the rice needed for them also.* J. S. 1784.

## From Major General STUART to his Excellency Lieutenant General Sir EYRE COOTE, K. B. &c.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 23, 1783.

I Did myſelf the honour to addreſs you *, incloſing the papers of lateſt date on public affairs, paſſed in Committee, ſo as your Excellency may ſoon know what has been doing there. There are alſo the originals of the papers I opened, addreſſed to you from the War Office, and a copy of the *general orders* iſſued in conſequence. My ſervant has orders to deliver both packets the inſtant of your arrival at Madras.

I *now* beg leave to refer (for want of time to copy) to the two letters wrote to the Select Committee the 20*th* and 22*d* inſtant, ſince we have been in motion.

The Admiral will alſo ſhew you the two or three letters, within theſe laſt days, *from me to him*. Your Excellency will in this way know all that I know or write on the preſent moſt important occaſion, and particularly, that our military cheſt is next to empty; a circumſtance confirmed to me by the Paymaſter yeſterday.

Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton, with the fifth brigade, took poſt at Atcherywauke the 22d (yeſterday).—I march † to-morrow to Madaranticum, and next day to Atcherywauke; and I have taken certain meaſures, in communication with Chingleput, to keep up the *full* quantity of rice for our *means* of carriage, ſo as to move with the *ſame* from thence, as from the Preſidency, taking meanwhile from the ſtores of Chingleput our *daily* conſumption for the whole Army.

* See page 10. J. S. 1784.

† A different diſpoſition took place, on account of the ſudden ſickneſs of the Europeans. See Letters following. J. S. 1784.

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My own fixed opinion is, to remain at or near Atcherywauke, until there is a *certainty of our ſupplies by ſea, being nearly ſafe at anchor, ſouth of Cuddalore.*—I have wrote to Colonel Lang *, informing him of the Select Committee's determination, *that the army with him is to co-operate with us.*

There is a reinforcement of two hundred Sepoys from Tripaſore, ordered to Chingleput; and I have ſome thoughts of leaving a brigade at Madaranticum, chiefly with a view of ſecurity to your Excellency, who I look for, and expect with impatience, to lead us. The Adjutant General is now buſy with the monthly returns for your information; meanwhile, I have the honour of tranſmitting a duplicate of the laſt returns ſent to you, though there are certain alterations daily.

The intenſeneſs of the heat in the two days march, has obliged me to ſend *fifty-five* men into the Chingleput hoſpital, becauſe I carry the Doolies from thence *empty*; but I am in hopes, if we are to remain at Atcherywauke a few days, they will moſtly recover.

I deſired Colonel Reimbold to get *ſix hundred* men of the fifteenth and ſixteenth regiments (his Majeſty's Electoral Troops) in readineſs, to proceed by ſea or land, as the ſervice might require. I have alſo wrote to Major General Sir John Burgoyne, or officer commanding his Majeſty's troops in *my* abſence, all that occurred to *me* on leaving the Preſidency, until *your Excellency* ſhall arrive and direct every thing.

In the hurry of affairs, *in* and *out* of doors, I am afraid many very material things have been omitted; which I requeſt your Excellency's indulgence to excuſe, *&c.*

(Signed) JAM$^{S}$ STUART.

* See page 11. J. S. 1784.

*P. S.*

*P. S.* My lateſt intelligence concerning M. Buſſy, and the ſtate of Cuddalore, is, That the *Europeans*, and others of old and new importation, are about * *two thouſand eight hundred*; Sepoys in French pay, *two thouſand five hundred*; Guns, *fifty*, with cattle to draw *thirty*; *Seyd Sahib*'s Corps everywhere, *five thouſand* horſe, and *ſix* or *eight* Raſſalas. There are two batteries to cover Cuddalore ſouth ſide, towards Brickmyres Poſt, and one on the other ſide.

J. S.

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† From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of the Palar, April* 23, 1783.

I AM extremely ſorry to inform you, that although I had the precaution to march the firſt brigade *(Europeans) in the night* of the 21ſt, it has happened that the number ſick in that brigade has in-

☞ * *By the accounts* afterwards *received from Cuddalore, and the collateral intelligence at the time when our* Main Army *took poſt ſouth of that place (June 7th). The Europeans* there *in the pay and ſervice of France, were nearly* four thouſand; *and the numbers exceeded* three thouſand, after *the ceſſation of hoſtilities (July 2d)*;—*they could not, moſt probably, be fewer, if we add the numbers in the returns of the* firſt *embarkation in* M. D'Orve's, *afterwards* M. Suffrein's *ſquadron (under* M. Du Chemin), *found in the Lauriſton armed ſhip (February* 1782), *and communicated by Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes (See Gazette, Nov.* 30, 1782), *to the numbers that* laſt *arrived at Cuddalore (under* M. Buſſy, *in February* 1783), *ſuppoſing even a full* third *of the whole to have died,* after *their arrival in India.—The preceding calculation is excluſive of the Europeans and other troops ſent to Cuddalore by the Dutch from Ceylon.* J. S. 1784.

† This Letter is referred to, page 13, State of Facts, &c. Part II. J. S. 1784.

creaſed,

creaſed, yeſterday and this day, in a moſt alarming degree *; ſo much ſo, that nearly 100 men and five officers have been reported to me as not to be moved to-morrow, according to the General Orders for the march of the Army. Captain Athol Douglas, the ſenior of the 101ſt, is this moment reported to me to have died in Camp.

In this ſituation I have thought proper to countermand the General Orders of this morning; and that *only* the ſecond line, with all the battering guns and Army rice, move forward to Atcherywauke.

In the hopes and belief that a little reſt will recover *the Europeans who are of the firſt line*, I ſhall keep them here, to ſee the effect; and I remain along with them and the ſecond and third brigades.

*My* plan will be, to keep at Atcherywauke (if poſſible, under proper cover) all the rice which we have the means of carriage *from hence*; and to ſubſiſt the Army, meanwhile, from the ſtores here.

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

*P. S.* Captain Brickmyre, *without his Coolies*, is juſt now returned from Atcherywauke. He reports to me, that the whole 1500 remaining Coolies went off to Madras. He has kept their *fanams*. There is no help for it; and our *only* remedy is (as before obſerved), conſtantly to employ them betwixt Madras and Chingleput. J. S.

* The following Notes were ſent to me, April 23, 1783. J. S. 1784.

*From the Adjutant General (Lieutenant Colonel* MALCOLM*) to the Commander in Chief.*

*Camp, April* 23, 1783.

"I HAVE this moment received the incloſed report from the firſt brigade, which "I think it neceſſary to forward to you without delay."

[Encloſure.]

*From Major of Brigade* (BAGGS) *to the Adjutant General.*

*April* 23.

"I HAVE to report to you *four* of the (European) brigade deceaſed ſince five "o'clock yeſterday evening; and now ſick, preſent, *four* commiſſioned Officers, and "*ninety-two* non-commiſſioned and rank and file."

## From Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON, commanding the Advanced Brigade, to Major General STUART.

*Camp, at Madranticum, April* 21, 1783, *evening.*

THE detachment under my command encamped here to-day. We have ſeen no enemy; but, on coming to our ground, ſmoakes were raiſed at Atcherywauke, and towards Permacoil.

Some people are juſt come to camp from Trichinopoly, who ſay, a detachment from Colonel Lang's Army *has taken* (*Caroor), and that he was going againſt *Namcull.* Some people from Vikravandy ſay, that the enemy have abandoned Permacoil, and that the French have a detachment of *four thouſand* men at Villenore, partly Europeans, partly Sepoys.

Two men whom I ſent to Deſſoor, are juſt now come in and ſay, that the party of the enemy who were at that place are gone to Cuddalore.

No Coolies went off laſt night. I expect intelligence to-morrow or next day, from Pondicherry and Cuddalore.

(Signed) JOHN ELPHINSTON.

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## † From Major General STUART to Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON, commanding the Advanced Brigade.

*Camp South of Palar, April* 23, 1783, *eight at night.*

THE great object which I have in view is, as much as poſſible, to make our operations by land *independent of the ſea*, and for this purpoſe I wiſh to ſecure rice to a certain quantity, in tenable poſts,

* In the Copy it is, by miſtake, ſaid *(Dindigul).* J. S. 1784.

† This Letter is referred to page 13, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

in communication with the Army, after it comes to its place of deſtination.

Every report that I have received from you, as well as from others, confirms the accounts, that Permacoil is in fact abandoned. If you are perſuaded of this, I empower you to detach one Battalion of your Brigade, with the Grenadier Companies of the other three Battalions, and four ſix-pounders, to march on the 25th, as much concealed as they can, ſo as on the 26th, before day-light, to take poſſeſſion of the Pettah, and the Hill; the particular inſtructions to the Commanding Officer I leave to you, taking care that all the Black Officers and Sepoys of your Brigade, who *know* Permacoil, make part of this detachment, and that they have proper guides; meaning, as I do, to make it an intermediate magazine. Two Troops, or half the Regiment of Cavalry, will go with this detachment, and you will *keep* poſſeſſion of the Pettah and Hill.

A ſudden epidemical illneſs having moſt unfortunately befallen the Europeans of the firſt Brigade, I have thought proper to remain with the firſt line here for the preſent, and ſend on Colonel Gordon with the remainder of the ſecond line, the battering guns, and *all* the rice of the Army.

I have already, in general, acquainted the Colonel of the orders concerning Permacoil. You will let him know every occurrence, and I have full confidence, that every thing will turn out for the beſt of the ſervice. I truſt you will, as to freſh proviſions, take care of yourſelf, if they are to be had.

(Signed) JAM$^{S}$ STUART.

*P. S.* My mind is ſo impreſſed with the advantage of the poſt of Permacoil, that I deſire you will take the command of this little

little excurſion yourſelf; and that you will take meaſures *to be ſupported*, if neceſſary, by the reſt of your Brigade.

On the 25th, about mid-day, Colonel Gordon will be at Atcherywauke, with the fourth Brigade, one Regiment of Cavalry, *all* the Battering Train, and *all* the rice of the Army.

Lieutenant Wickens, Engineer, goes with the fourth Brigade, under Colonel Gordon, in caſe he ſhould be wanted.

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## * Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 24th, 1783.

THIS is the firſt day that for months paſt I have had it in my power to dedicate to *my own private affairs*.

The moſt material thing which in that way I find myſelf engaged in, is, the perſonal obligation by contract which I laid myſelf under, in the time of our greateſt diſtreſs, and with the apprehenſion of famine, *before* and *after* the ſtorm in October 1782; (and I believe I mentioned my intention in this reſpect to your Lordſhip, &c. in Committee, about that time) requeſting of Captain Lyſaght to uſe his influence and credit to the Northward, and, by all means poſſible, to ſend rice and other grain to *Pallicatte*, or even to *Madras*; and that I ſhould anſwer to him with *my Private Fortune*, to give *twenty* pagodas the garce (more, if required) *above* the rate paid by Government, *at the time of landing*.

The demands are *now*, and have been *for ſome time*, made upon me for the rice and other grain landed at Pallicatte, in the months of *No-*

* This Letter is referred to page 13, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

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*vember* and *December*, and ſome in *January*. I deſired Captain Smith, commanding there, to take charge of it. Part of that rice has at different times come in aid of the Troops paſſing and repaſſing at Pallicatte, and was paid for in ready money; (16) garce, as I think, by Captain Smith's letters, appear to have been taken by order of Government, in the month of February, as three months proviſion for the garriſon of Pallicatte. It ſeems to have been done without aſking the conſent of the perſons concerned, only that they were deſired to ſettle for it at Madras; but as it was *for the ſervice*, I deſired no farther notice to be taken of it. I find, that the quantity of rice or other grain *remaining*, imported at the times and in the manner above mentioned, and *now in good condition* at Pallicatte, is about 58 Madras garce; all which is ready to be delivered for the public ſervice, to the order of Government, paying to Captain Lyſaght the rates *at the time of importation.*

At the above period, when the diſtreſs of the ſettlement, and *my own particular anxiety concerning the Army, led me to run the riſk I have done*, I did myſelf the honour to acquaint His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote, *then* in Bengal, of what I had done, and I was favoured with his anſwer*, that he did not doubt my being held free from loſs, as to my private fortune, and *that ſo far as his influence could operate, it would be for that purpoſe.*

I have not had an hour's leiſure to look over the accounts, but I ſhould ſuppoſe, that the allowance of Government for the months of November and December, paid to Captain Lyſaght, or his Attornies here, for the 16 garce † taken in the manner I have mentioned, and for

* See in this Collection, The Correſpondence with Sir Eyre Coote, pages 12 and 13. J. S. 1784.

† *No anſwer was ever made to this letter, and the loſs and damage has been* thereby *greatly increaſed. I had no relief. I became conſequently liable for the whole. The Mayor's Court at*

for the 58 garce *now* remaining at Pallicatte (upon the delivery of it to Government), by bills on Bengal, at 200 pagodas the garce, the Bazar exchange, will almoſt ſettle the account. If demands are made upon *me*, for additional payment, in conſequence of my offer, of 20 pagodas the garce more, I ſhall ſtate it ſeparately; but none have as yet been made.

However, as my fortune is engaged ſo conſiderably for the *whole* amount, I muſt requeſt your Lordſhip, &c. will, in conſideration of *the motives that led me to it*, pleaſe to direct the payment to Captain Lyſaght, or his Attornies, at Madras, for the former (16), and what remains, viz. 58 garce (if ſo much) in the manner as now ſtated.

Having left the papers concerning this buſineſs at Madras, I ſpeak from memory; but I think the whole quantity already received by Government, and remaining at Pallicatte, does not exceed (74) garce, beſides what has been ſold for ready money.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Colonel GORDON, commanding the Second Line, to Major General STUART, &c.

*Camp, at Madranticum, April* 24, 1783.

I Have the honour to report to you the ſafe arrival of the detachment, battering train, rice of the Army, and military ſtores, &c. ſent by Captain Moorhouſe, on this ground; *eighteen bullocks died,*

*at Madras actually iſſued a writ againſt me in October* 1783, *at the inſtance of Major Lyſaght, for the amount of what I owed him on this account; and it was only a few days before leaving Madras, that the value of this part* (12 or 16 garce) *ſo taken, was paid for; which money, by my order, was transferred immediately to Major Lyſaght's Attorney at Madras, to leſſen, in ſo far, the debt for which I am ſtill bound to the Major's heirs, he (Major Lyſaght) having died ſince that time.* J. S. 1784.

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or were unable to continue the march, but the rice they were loaded with was brought on. Lieutenant Campbell will report to the Quarter Maſter General the ſituation of this ground, reſpecting water and forage. I ſhall march early to-morrow morning to join Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton at Atcherywauke, and there attend your further commands.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Colonel.

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel PEARCE.

*Camp, South of Palar, April 25, 1783.*

YOU will proceed to-morrow morning towards Madranticum, taking under your command the third Brigade, with one regiment of cavalry.

The whole of the carriage of the Army being ordered from Atcherywauke, the 27th, in the morning, to *reload* at Chingleput, I mean that you ſhould take poſt near Madranticum, wherever you have the beſt forage, and with the moſt water. My object is to keep up the communication, and to furniſh a convoy to the cattle, &c. as above, by ſending one battalion and half your cavalry half-way to Atcherywauke, to relieve the battalion, &c. from thence; and the next day, a freſh battalion and the other half of the cavalry half way to this place, and to be relieved from hence by the like force; ſo as *your* eſcort may return to Camp the ſame night, taking however their tents, guns, and ammunition with them.

The cattle from Atcherywauke will ſet off the 27th, in the morning, and the detachment from you, for the above purpoſe, at the ſame time; and next day another of your battalions will come on half way to the

* This Letter is referred to page 14, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.



ground

ground here, and return when relieved. You will pleaſe to correſpond with Colonel Gordon at Atcherywauke, and with me, on every occurrence worth notice; and on any *exigency* of the ſervice, you will advance with the Brigade towards Atcherywauke, *to ſupport* the ſecond line, &c. under Colonel Gordon, at that place.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART, to Colonel GORDON, commanding the Second Line at *Atcherywauke*.

*Camp, South of Palar, April 25, 1783.*

I HAVE received your Letter from Madranticum, but no report from Lieutenant Campbell, concerning the forage or water at that place. I fear, by your mentioning it, that they are *not* as we could wiſh.

I ſuppoſe Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton will have communicated to you my inſtructions to him about taking and *keeping* poſſeſſion of Permacoil, and which, if time will admit of, I mean to repair, ſo as to make it tenable *againſt ſmall arms* at leaſt.

My chief view in writing to you now, is, to deſire you will order *all the beſt and ſtrongeſt* of the cattle in the department of Captain Hearſey, the Deputy Agent and the Commiſſary of Stores, with the carts, to move from Atcherywauke the 27th, in the morning, towards this place, in order to be loaded *here*. You will ſend one battalion of Sepoys, with half a regiment of cavalry, or more, if you ſee fit, to

* This Letter is referred to, page 14, State of Facts, &c. Part II. J. S. 1784.

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eſcort them, until they meet with a relief from Madranticum, where Colonel Pearce is poſted, with a regiment of horſe and the third Brigade; and I have ordered him to detach half way towards you an eſcort for the cattle; and your party may return to Camp the ſame night. It cannot be delayed beyond the 27th; ſo that any weak or fatigued cattle muſt *not* be of this party. Captain Hearſey will aſſiſt you in all this buſineſs; and meanwhile I hope the Army rice is ſecured from damage; *we having nothing elſe to truſt to.*

I remain here with the firſt and ſecond Brigades, to bring up the rear of every thing, and alſo *to wait the orders of his Excellency the Commander in Chief*, who arrived yeſterday afternoon in the (ſhip) Reſolution, after being chaſed four days by the French cruiſers, the *Fendant*, &c. I have no *official* notice of it, but the fact is certain.

Colonel Pearce is deſired to correſpond with you on every ſubject of any conſequence, and to *advance*, in caſe of need, to *your* ſupport.

You will doubtleſs ſend truſty Sepoys, as Harkarrahs, for intelligence, in every direction towards the Weſtward, and to Pondicherry and Cuddalore. There are ſeveral men of this ſort, whom Captains Eidington, Scott, and Muirhead, will point out to you.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Colonel GORDON to Major General STUART.

*Atcherywauke, April* 25, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to report to you, that the detachment, battering train, &c. &c. under my command, are all ſafe arrived on this ground, where I found Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton and the 5th Brigade.

Brigade. The road to this place from Madranticum was in many places deep, occaſioned by a moſt violent thunder-ſtorm we had laſt night; the rice and ammunition eſcaped without damage, and are now ſafely lodged in Pagodas.

Captain Hearſey reports to me, that *ninety-eight* carriage and *ſix* draught bullocks have fallen down and died by this day's march; no rice has however been loſt. In obedience to the orders and inſtructions forwarded by you to Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton, I ſhall detach him this evening at 9 o'clock, to carry them into execution; and as he wiſhed that two complete Carnatic battalions might accompany him, inſtead of the detachment of grenadiers, and one battalion, I have, agreeably to his requeſt, ſent the 4th and 20th along with him, who, from their local knowledge of the country, will, I hope, be attended with advantage, and plead in excuſe for the deviation from your inſtructions on this ſubject. Lieutenant Wickens, and 30 pioneers, I have likewiſe ordered to accompany him, in caſe their aſſiſtance may be requiſite for putting the fort in a tenable ſtate of defence. I ſhall report to you every intelligence I may receive from that quarter. The detachment is victualled up to the 30th incluſive.

The following information I received this afternoon from a Jemetdar come in from the enemy. He ſays he commanded twenty-five horſe, part of a body of *one thouſand*, who have halted this evening about *eight* miles to the weſtward of this place. They came from Chandergary with *two thouſand* more, who are at preſent at Trivatore; they had at firſt along with them *three thouſand* foot, who halted near Arcott, but hearing that a party was coming from Vellore, to attempt ſurpriſing them, they diſperſed. He further ſays, that a party in the intereſt of the *Venketeghery* Rajah advancing againſt them, was the reaſon why they left the Chandergary diſtrict; and adds, that he does not believe there are more than *two hundred* horſes, of the *thouſand* he belonged to, fit for

 ſervice.

ſervice. They have no Rocket-boys with them. The Jemetdar is a very fine looking fellow, and wiſhes to enter into our ſervice.

A Harkarrah of Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton's is come in this evening, who reports, that the enemy have *fallen back from Villenore*; that the French forces conſiſt of *two thouſand five hundred* men, and three battalions of Sepoys; that they have erected three ſmall batteries at Manjecoupang, and are preparing to defend themſelves; that he could not aſcertain the number of irregulars they may have along with them, as they have no particular ſtation, and are always coming and going.

You will pleaſe favour me with your commands, reſpecting the time you would wiſh to have Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton's detachment farther victualled up to. I hope you received the Chitt, I had the honour of writing you yeſterday, from Madranticum.

(Signed) A. GORDON.

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel GORDON.

*Camp, South of the Palar, April* 26, 1783.
*Sent at* 10 *A. M.*

THE third Brigade, with Colonel Pearce, as mentioned in a former letter, marched this morning towards Madranticum. My intention is, to remain, mean time, with the firſt Brigade, until the carriage of the Army, which I expect here the 28th, is loaded, on which you have received my letters, and that they were to leave Atcherywauke the 27th (to-morrow).

After you have got poſſeſſion of Permacoil, I wiſh the corps of pioneers to be employed under Engineer Wickins, in repairing *only the*

* This Letter is referred to page 14, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

*upper*

*upper fort*, in the beſt way the materials will admit of, and with all expedition. I hope to hear from you this night, or to-morrow, on the ſubject, and what ſort of forage is near that place; it will ſerve at leaſt for a good *look-out place*, and I hope you have people in every direction to watch the *French* and the *horſe* motions from Cuddalore, where *M. Lallé, the partiſan, has the confidence of M. Buſſy.*

You will judge of the proper poſts to be kept in communication betwixt Permacoil and Atcherywauke, at leaſt until the Army advances. Tell Lieutenant Campbell, Deputy Quarter Maſter General, *to be exact* in the account of rice deliveries to the troops, ſo as there may be no miſtakes, when the Army joins. The General Orders ſhould expreſs the days *to which* the corps are ſerved, &c.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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* From Major General STUART to Colonel GORDON.

*Camp, South of the Palar, April* 26, 1783, *Half paſt Noon.*

I Have juſt now received your Letter of yeſterday's date. *The plague* ſeems to have got among † Captain Hearſey's bullocks; it is a *moſt alarming circumſtance*, but I am happy to ſee your precious convoy, in other reſpects, got ſafe. The alteration in Elphinſton's detachment, has my approbation. My anxiety to get Permacoil quickly in order, led me to write you already this morning on the ſubject. As to the rice for his detachment, if the poſt can be made tenable, in ſeven or eight days time, I wiſh you to ſend rice for a fortnight beyond what is already ſerved to them, and that all the

* This Letter is referred to page 14, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.
† See the Letter following. J. S. 1784.

Pioneers you can ſpare, be ſent thither; but let me know the ſtate of the forage and water, particularly near to Permacoil.

I have wrote already, that *only the ſtrongeſt* of our cattle be ſent here to be *reloaded*. As to the Jemetdar, I ſhould be againſt employing any of that *caſte*, unleſs they bring in horſes.

You will keep people out in ſearch of cattle, as well as *of the enemy's movements*. In caſe any of your Europeans are really ill, and unfit for field ſervice, I doubt not of your having the precaution to ſend them here in doolies. The rice on your tumbrils ſhould be the firſt uſed; but I ſuppoſe Mr. Campbell will aſſiſt you in all theſe matters.

Your Aid de Camp is in the orders of this day, and you may depend upon my doing every thing that is in my power, agreeable to your wiſhes.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Captain HEARSEY (Army Grain-keeper), to the Commander in Chief, &c.

*Camp, at Atcherywauke, April* 26, 1783.

ENCLOSED I have the honour to forward, for your inſpection, a return * of rice, cattle, &c. now at Atcherywauke. I have ſecured all the rice in pagodas, or choultries, where the utmoſt care will be taken of it.

I am much diſtreſſed, in being neceſſitated to report the *ſad condition* the bullocks, attached to the granary, are in; *one hundred and ſixteen carriage and eight draught bullocks have died, in marching to this place;*

* The Return (incloſed) in this Letter is referred to Page 14, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

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the forage almoſt completely burnt up, by people who have been employed by the enemy for that purpoſe.

*The whole carriage for rice, with the Army, will hardly ſerve* thirteen ☞ *days ſubſiſtence to the* Troops *(or fighting men); and the carriage daily diminiſhing, in conſequence of the ſickly ſtate of the cattle.*

( Signed) A. W. HEARSEY, Captain,
Military Grain-keeper.

[Encloſure in the preceding Letter.]

RETURN of Rice, Cattle, &c. at Atcherywauke, April 26, 1783.

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| 2568 carriage bullocks (Carry) | - | 2180 bags. |
| 478 draught ditto, with 48 double and 49 ſingle carts | | 441 |
| Cooley bags remaining 700 | - - | 350 |
| Bags of rice, total | - | 2971 |

*N. B.* The few bags of rice on the guns and tumbrils, not included in the above.

(Signed) A. W. HEARSEY,
Military Grain-keeper.

☞ It requires nearly 500 bags daily to feed the *fighting men and followers.*

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## From Colonel GORDON to Major General STUART.

*Atcherywauke, April* 26, 1783, *Twelve at Night.*

I HAVE had the honour to receive both your Letters this evening, dated 25th inſtant. I laſt night wrote you a particular account of my arrival here, and having detached Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton,

to take poſſeſſion of Permacoil, according to your inſtructions, he marched from hence about ten o'clock at night, and, as the diſtance does not exceed *thirteen* miles, I am rather ſurpriſed at not yet having heard from him, but which I attribute to his not wiſhing to riſk the Harkarrahs by *day-light*, as there are *Lootie* Horſe in the neighbourhood; every thing, however, has been perfectly quiet, ſo there is not the leaſt chance of any accident having happened. If I learn any thing from that quarter, during the courſe of the night, I ſhall inſtantly forward it to you. In obedience to the orders contained in your Letter, I ſend off to-morrow morning, by four o'clock, *three thouſand* carriage bullocks, and about *one hundred* carts; theſe are all that the different departments here, think *fit* to be employed on the intended ſervice; they march with the eſcort you have ordered, and I ſhall write to Colonel Pearce, to have a detachment ready to receive them half-way. I have now ſeveral Sepoys out, to gain intelligence from the deſired quarters; what I have been able to make out, in addition to my diſpatch of laſt night, is; " that the enemy are ſtill in ſome " force at Arnee, and that they are laying up proviſions there; that they " are in great conſternation, both at Pondicherry and Cuddalore; that " the party who were at *Villenore*, have only moved to a place on the " other ſide of the river, *at no great diſtance*;" and I am ſorry to add, that two or three people, who have come in, agree in the ſtory of a ſalute having been fired at Arnee, about two days ſince, which was given out as a rejoicing, on account of a total defeat which Mathews had received from Tippoo, who was again in full poſſeſſion of the Biddenore * Country. They likewiſe pretend to ſay, *that the French intended to have attacked this poſt, had not the reinforcement arrived.* We are told of large bodies of Horſe being in the neighbourhood, but all that has yet appeared don't exceed a ſcore; they have cut two or three people, who have ſtraggled too far beyond the out-poſts; and

* See foot note (*), page 44. J. S. 1784.

they,

they, or others, are daily and nightly employed in burning up the country all round. I have formed a little ſcheme, for getting hold of ſome of them to-morrow morning, and, if I catch them ſo employed, they ſhall add to the conflagration.

The rice, already arrived here, is ſtowed away in ſuch a manner as I think no weather can affect, in any degree. I have juſt now been favoured with a Letter from Colonel Pearce. I am ſorry to learn from you, Sir Eyre Coote's bad ſtate of health; he had a lucky eſcape from *Monſieur*; I hope he has brought with him the two companies of the 102d.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Colonel.

*P. S.* I have waited two hours in hopes of hearing from Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton.

A. G.

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* From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of the Palar, April* 27, 1783.

I Have heard *by chance*, and from the Letters *of others*, that His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote arrived from Bengal the 24th, but have had no information from your Lordſhip, &c.

I did myſelf the honour to addreſs you, on the 22d and 23d inſtant.

I was honoured by your letter of the 23d, acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 20th, and incloſing a copy of yours of the † 21ſt to the Admiral, and his anſwer of the † 22d.

* This Letter is referred to page 15, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

† See thoſe Letters in Collateral Correſpondence. J. S. 1784.

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I doubt not of your exertions to expedite every thing for us *by ſea*; but my anxiety, on this account, increaſes daily, *by reaſon of the ſtate of the cattle in the grain department.* This morning, by a report from Captain Hearſey, near *one hundred and fifty* bullocks died on the march from Madranticum to Atcherywauke; and he adds, that his means of carriage are leſſened from *fourteen* to *thirteen* days. This is a moſt *melancholy proſpect indeed!* and therefore, while they are yet alive, I am ſtudying, by all means poſſible, to advance the largeſt quantity of rice in my power in tenable poſts, ſo as to be nearer our reach from Cuddalore; and, in this way, I mean to employ the preſent interval of time, until *I can gueſs better, or know more certainly, when our proviſion ſhips will have got to their deſtination.* And here I requeſt you will mention to the Admiral, the ſtationing a veſſel off the North end of Fort St. David's Iſland, ſo as I may have the firſt communication with the Commodore (Captain Haliday) concerning the landing of proviſions and ſtores at that place; or you may give your own orders to the Company's *Pattamaars*, for this purpoſe. I expect great uſe from theſe Pattamaars, and therefore mentioned them in the *indent* encloſed in my Letter to the Select Committee the 22d inſtant.

Three days ago, I fixed the time and manner of taking poſſeſſion of Permacoil, which I expect hourly to hear of being done yeſterday. I intend repairing, in the beſt way I can, the *Higher* Fort, ſo as to ſtand againſt any probable attack; and this will be a good *look-out place*, and poſt in communication; and if I can find a good place in the Pettah, under cover of ſmall arms from the Hill, I ſhall leave ſome rice, *in caſe of need*, there.

The diſpoſition of the Army, as this day, is as follows:

The firſt Brigade *(Europeans)*, and the ſecond Brigade, with one Regiment of Cavalry, and the parks of Artillery, are on this ground, with Colonel Stuart.

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The third Brigade, with one Regiment of Cavalry, with Colonel Pearce, are at Madranticum, in communication, and to ſupport.

The fourth Brigade, with two Regiments of Cavalry, with *all* the battering train and ſtores, and *all* the rice of the Army, *for which there are means of carriage*, are now at Atcherywauke, under Colonel Gordon; and, from that part of the Army, was detached (the 25th at night) Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton and two battalions of Sepoys, to take and *keep* poſſeſſion of the Pettah and Hill of Permacoil.

All the carriage of the Army, *fit for ſervice*, was, by my orders, to *return* from Atcherywauke the 27th, to be *reloaded* here the 29th, and to *return the 30th*, at which time, if nothing material occurs, I ſhall move forward with the firſt and ſecond Brigades.

But, before that time, I truſt to hear from your Lordſhip, &c. *that the Fleet, and every thing, has ſailed from Madras Roads. My anxiety for that news is not to be deſcribed, for an infinity of reaſons that muſt occur to you.*

I encloſe, for your Lordſhip's, &c. information, the copies of my Letter to the Surgeon Major of the Army, and of his * Anſwer, relative

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* CORRESPONDENCE on the ſudden Sickneſs of the Europeans.

*From Surgeon Major* DAVIS *to the Commander in Chief*, &c.

Camp, April 24, 1783.

*I AM this inſtant (eight o'clock) returned from viſiting all the ſick Europeans of the Army, and I beg leave to repreſent, that*, in twenty years ſervice, *I never ſaw more ſevere ſymptoms than have appeared from the march yeſterday. The bed of the river, joined to near four miles march on this ſide of it, threw upwards of ſeventy Europeans out of the line, ſix of whom died in the evening, with every ſymptom of being ſun-ſtruck, viz. four of the 101ſt regiment, one of the 73d, and one of the Hanoverians. The 101ſt have eighteen men to ſend into Chingleput; the 73d have five; and the 78th muſt ſend in eight; no ſoldier from the Hanoverians, but one Officer; ſo that the number of ſick, from yeſterday's march alone, that abſolutely require to be ſent to the hoſpital, amounts to thirty-two. If every man that has a ſlight complaint was to be ſent in, that number would be more than doubled; but I am of opinion, there are no more, than I have already nominated, to be ſent in, that certainly require it.*

 *I would*

tive to the ſtate and cauſe of the *European's ſickneſs*, and the nature of the *ſpirits*, which are now ſerving to the line, *as arrack*.

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*I would have done myſelf the honour to have made this* a perſonal report, *but I am myſelf affected with the heat of the ſeaſon, and am very apprehenſive of a fever, unleſs I take great care of myſelf; I cannot however forbear to mention what I have ever obſerved, and that is, that, at this ſeaſon of the year, I never knew Europeans march in the ſun, without the moſt ſevere ſymptoms.*

(Signed) THOs DAVIS,
Surgeon Major.

[Encloſure in the preceding.]

RETURN of the Sick (Europeans) ſent into Chingleput Hoſpital, the 22d and 23d of April 1783.

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| *Madras artillery* - - - | 1 | *man.* |
| *Bengal ditto* - - - - | 2 | |
| *2d battalion, 1ſt regiment* - - - | 8 | |
| *73d regiment* - - - - | 7 | |
| *78th regiment* - - - | 10 | |
| *101ſt regiment* - - | 64 | |
| *Total* - | 92 | *men.* |

(Signed) THOMs DAVIS.
Surgeon Major.

*From Major General* STUART *to Surgeon Major* DAVIS.

Camp, South of Palar, April 25, 9 in the Morning.

*I HAVE received your reports and returns of yeſterday, and this day. The firſt Brigade halted on this ground this day, in conſequence of the alarming accounts, I received from Camp, of the increaſing illneſs, and I wiſh to know, if, in your opinion, ſome more days halt will tend to their good. I wiſh alſo, that you would take the trouble to analyſe the ſpirit, which is now given to the Europeans for arrack; it coſts the enormous ſum of* two hundred pagodas *the leager, and yet I have heard, from others, that it is a new bad ſpirit.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*From Surgeon Major* DAVIS *to the Commander in Chief.*

Camp, April 25, 1783.

*IN reply to your orders this morning, I am to report, that the ſtate of the ſick of the firſt Brigade, and indeed of the European ſoldiery in general, is ſuch as to render another halting day* abſolutely neceſſary, *in order to enable them to move on, without the greateſt difficulties.*

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I have a particular return of the caſes in the hoſpital here; the number *of Europeans* exceeds *one hundred and twenty*, but they are, *by diet and reſt*, getting better, and I hope to be able to take off one half with me.

I incloſe the laſt Letter received from Vellore. I beg leave to recommend the repairing of the *Chittebury* Tank, before the rains come on, and have deſired Captain Cuppage, to correſpond directly with your Lordſhip, &c. on that and other ſubjects. I have deſired him to forward the ſheep and cattle to Tripaſore, and from thence they may, with ſafety, reach Chingleput, for the uſe of the Army.

The two hundred Sepoys are arrived from Tripaſore; but no European Officer, neither non-commiſſioned Officers, proportioned to the numbers. The Adjutant General has written to Captain Vigors upon it.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*The ſeaſon of the year is highly affecting, even to the* native *conſtitutions; this year, in particular, is* more *violently ſo, than I have known for* nineteen years, *that I have made my remarks upon the ſeaſons; and the Europeans have evidently experienced it, by the deaths which have happened principally from the effects of the ſun, and the number of ſick obliged to ſeek ſhelter in the Chingleput Hoſpital.*

*Agreeably to your commands, I have analyſed the* ſpirit, *now ſerving out to the* Europeans *in Camp, and find it an exceeding* fiery *and* unwholeſome *liquor, taken as the ſoldier uſes it, viz.* raw *and* undiluted. *The exceſſive dryneſs this occaſions in the* fauces, *drives the poor ſoldier to every puddle of water that comes in his way, or, what amounts to the ſame thing, to drink of every Puckalee-bag that preſents itſelf; it is thus he falls a victim to his drought, which in fact is unquenchable; from thence ariſe thoſe ſymptoms, that too ſtrongly denote the injury received, and, in proportion thereto, thoſe ſpaſms take place, that either put an end to his exiſtence, or leave him totally debilitated for a time. Thoſe that recover in a few hours, are generally attacked again, upon the leaſt violent motion; ſo that reſt, and a ſhelter from the ſun, ſeems abſolutely neceſſary for their recovery.*

*Thus it happens, to ſoldiers who commence a campaign at this ſeaſon of the year, which is always more or leſs fatal, in proportion to the violence or moderation of the weather, the length of the marches, and the purity of the* ſpirit *the ſoldier receives as a* cordial. *And, from theſe conſiderations, it is exceedingly to be lamented, that they are ſo averſe to diluting their drams with water.*

(Signed) THOS DAVIS,
Surgeon Major.

*P. S.* I requeſt, moſt earneſtly, for a ſupply of caſh, before we move the 30th; and that the Coolies, from Madras, begin to fill the magazine here (Chingleput), which is faſt emptying. A Harkarrah has come in, though not from Colonel Elphinſtone, who aſſures me, that he ſaw our people in poſſeſſion of Permacoil this morning. Colonel Gordon alſo writes me, that he has no direct accounts from Elphinſton. I hear likewiſe, that the *French, ſtationed at Villenore*, have retired beyond the Gingee River; and, from two different quarters, I have received accounts, which I don't wiſh to give credit to, that guns have been fired, and ſugar given to the black people, on the report * of Tippoo's having recovered the Biddenore Country.

(Signed) J. S.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel OWEN † (at the Preſidency).

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 27, 1783 *(in the morning.)*

IT is by chance, and from the Letters of others, that I have heard of His Excellency the Commander in Chief's arrival at Madras; I have not one word on the ſubject from Government. It gives me the

* There was, about this time, a *falſe* report of this ſort, propagated at Cuddalore. ☞ The real true accounts, of the ſurrender of Hydernagur (April 28th, 1783) to Tippoo, were *not* received at Cuddalore, *before* the third week of May 1783. See particulars, in this Collection. J. S. 1784.

† *This Officer (Colonel Owen) was Adjutant General to the Forces under Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, the Commander in Chief in India, and had ſerved with diſtinction; he was of his family, at this time, and poſſeſſed his confidence; I thought it therefore my duty, after knowing of the General's indiſpoſition, thus to communicate fully with him, and alſo with Mr. Graham, the General's confidential Secretary, or with Mr. Tyler, the Sub-Secretary, ſo as the Commander in Chief might be minutely informed of every eſſential circumſtance, at ſuch a criſis.*

J. S. 1784.

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greateſt concern, to know of the General's indiſpoſition; but not being certain to what degree, or whether he is in the ſtate to attend to public buſineſs, I am therefore totally at a loſs how to proceed, in many caſes, concerning His Majeſty's Troops, which, in my opinion, depend upon his orders ſolely. In the preſent criſis, I ſhall ſtate ſome part to you; ſo that either through His Excellency, or *by your own communication with the Admiral*, the ſervice, in the eſſential parts depending upon them, be not delayed.

The firſt *ſad* obſervation, which I have to make, is, that *Captain Hearſey's bullocks are dying by hundreds*; and that, with *Sepoys and bullocks*, our means of carriage for the fighting men, does not exceed *ſeventeen days*. Thus ſituated, I am buſily employed in carrying forward, in magazines ſtationed on our road, as much rice as poſſible from Chingleput; *no real time, in my idea, will thereby be loſt, becauſe* ☞ *I am entirely againſt proceeding to buſineſs, or taking poſt near Cuddalore, until I know, that our proviſion and ſtore ſhips are at anchor South of that place.* And here I beg you *to mention to the Admiral*, that he will pleaſe to order ſome veſſels, with Catamarans, to be ſtationed off the North point of Fort St. David's Iſland, ſo as I may communicate immediately with the Officer commanding, whom I ſhall acquaint of the preciſe place where our proviſions and ſtores may *beſt* be landed. I have, in what is called an *indent* *, ſtated to Government every thing that occurred to me immediately wanted for us *by ſea*.

There are two packets from me, directed to His Excellency, which I forwarded from hence a few days ago. As the *confidential* friends of the General, I could wiſh they were opened in *your* preſence, and that of *Mr. Graham*, or *Mr. Tyler*. I am certain of your ſecrecy, and in this way perhaps it may be in your power, even during the General's indiſpoſition, to communicate all that is neceſſary to him, and take *his*

* See No. I. Page 17. and Paper X, Page 19. J. S. 1784.

orders

orders for the ſervice; in all events, he will be fully informed of the preſent ſtate of things.

I gave orders for *ſix hundred* of the 15th and 16th *(Hanoverians)* to be got in readineſs to proceed *by ſea*. If the General has no objection, I could wiſh Lieutenant Colonel Baron Wangenheim to command that detachment; their camp equipage muſt come with them; but I fear they will be at a loſs for Laſcars, &c. though I have mentioned it to Mr. Welch here.

The recovered men of the other corps of the King's Troops here ſhould likewiſe be ſent *by ſea*; but, above all, the artillery men *laſt* arrived from Bengal. If Sir Eyre is not able to attend Committee, I humbly adviſe, to have a Letter wrote, ſigned by *him*, recommending the whole, or ſuch of the above things as ſeem proper.

I have mentioned, five or ſix times, *my own opinion to Government, and to the Admiral*, "that the only certainty of our proviſion and "ſtore ſhips getting, in *proper* time, to their ſtation, South of Cudda-"lore, will be, by their being taken in *tow* by the King's Ships, in "whatever track the Admiral means to follow, and to be diſmiſſed "about ſixty miles *South* of Cuddalore, under convoy of the ſhips "deſtined for their protection." In any other way, I apprehend it might be *a Red Hill ſcene repeated*, were we again to come in ſight of the French, without being in ſight of our ſea reſources.*

And now, to conclude with our moſt real wants, I am ſorry to aſſure you, that the Caſh cheſt is *empty*, and our black Troops *ſix* months in arrear; the Officers, who have not taken Bengal bills, *ſeven* months in arrear. Lord Macartney writes me, that he will ſend money; I tell you, that he has not†, and that M. De Buſſy has coined, or is now

* *See in this Collection, the Correſpondence during the indiſpoſition of the Commander in Chief, from Page 2 to 6.* J. S. 1784.

† *The following Correſpondence will ſhew, at what times, and in what proportion, the money was afterwards ſent to the Army.* J. S. 1784.

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coining, four millions of dollars * at Cuddalore, into pagodas, rupees, and fanams, with which, I am perſuaded, he will endeavour to take off our Sepoys, and perhaps certain *Europeans*. What can I ſay more? only to recommend me to Sir Eyre's remembrance, at the proper time, with my moſt reſpectful compliments to Lady Coote, and requeſting to hear from you as oft as poſſible.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

*P. S.* The firſt and ſecond Brigades are here; the third Brigade, at Madranticum; the fourth and fifth, with Colonel Gordon, with all the heavy artillery and ſtores, and the rice of the Army, at Atcherywauke. I have ſent to take poſſeſſion of Permacoil, which I mean to repair as much as poſſible. I have not as yet received a report of our people being actually there, though ſome have heard the morning gun, in that direction.

The preceding is for his Excellency Sir Eyre Coote, *and the Admiral*, and not to go farther.

(Signed) J. S.

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## From Major General STUART to the Honourable Major General BRUCE (at the Preſidency).

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 27, 1783, 7 *P. M.*

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letter of the 26th inſtant, and have now to acquaint you, that unleſs His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote gives contrary orders, you will hold yourſelf in readineſs to embark with the convoy of our proviſion and ſtore ſhips. And, in caſe

* This was the prevailing report at the time. J. S. 1784.

Major

Major General Burgoyne joins us *by land*, you will ſuperintend and regulate the embarkation of the *ſix hundred* of His Majeſty's 15th and 16th *Hanoverians*, and direct that Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim embark with them.

All the recovered men of his Majeſty's Corps (now ſerving here) are to embark at the ſame time. If Major General Sir John Burgoyne thinks fit to come *by ſea*, it falls, of courſe, to *him*, to give the neceſſary orders; and, with my reſpects, I hope (in the doubt whether he joins by land) he will admit of my apology, for taking this mode of communicating orders of ſuch importance.

I have wrote to * Colonel Owen, to ſtudy the *proper* hour when the General may be talked to; and if *not* fit, you will hold this order to be *ultimate*, as to your deſtination.

The ſervice, on which we are now going, is of ſuch importance, that every thing at Maſulipatam, or elſewhere, is *ſecondary*, and muſt keep jogging on, until we drive the French *off the face of this earth*.

Not only *yourſelf*, in your high rank, but every Officer of experience, is, in *my* idea, needed at this criſis; nay even every tolerable good-hearted recruit in the ranks.

I had formerly informed the Select Committee of my intentions, as to the detachment from his Majeſty's Electoral regiments; but, in compliment, as well as duty, it will be expected, that you inform the *Government*, by Letter, that you are ordered on the preſent ſervice, and to proceed with the convoy, with Lieutenant Colonel Baron Wangenheim, and the Troops that are to be embarked.

Lieutenant Dyce will have joined you by this time, and you will find him ſuch as you expect.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

* See the preceding Letter, Pages 45 and 46. J. S. 1784.

From

## From Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON to Major General STUART.

*Permacoil, April* 27, 1783, 11 *o'clock, A.M.*

I WROTE to you yeſterday, to report our being in poſſeſſion of this Fort and Pettah. Lieutenant Wickens ſent a report of the ſtate of the Fort to Colonel Roſs, to be laid before you. All pains is taken to render this place tenable.

I have, this morning, two men come from Cuddalore and Villenore; they left the laſt of theſe places yeſterday morning; they ſay, there are *one thouſand Europeans, and two thouſand Sepoys, of the enemy, at Villenore, with four heavy and ſix light guns, with draught cattle, for them;* the reſt of their force at Cuddalore, with one thouſand horſe, and one thouſand foot, belonging to Tippoo Saib. The detachment at Villenore had orders to retire to Cuddalore, but the night before theſe men left them, they received orders to remain. A party of Cavalry, which I ſent out to reconnoitre at day-break this morning, are returned, and have ſeen no enemy. All the cattle are drove off from the neighbourhood of this place. The two men, who came in this morning from Cuddalore, are the two *beſt* of Captain Pringle's men I had with me.

(Signed) JOHN ELPHINSTON.

*P. S.* The two men from Cuddalore ſay, that the French have two batteries at the river, one where our redoubt was on the road to Pondicherry, the other more to the weſtward, and that they were hard at work deepening the ditch of the place.

(Signed) J. E.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel Pearce, commanding the 3d Brigade at Madranticum.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 28, 1783, *in the morning.*

I AM, beyond meaſure, ſurpriſed at not hearing from Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton at *Permacoil*, where my people ſay, he has been theſe forty-eight hours paſt.

*Our worthy General is no more.* He expired without a groan, yeſterday, at five in the afternoon. I have not one word *official* either of his arrival or deceaſe. My preſent purpoſe is, to march with the firſt and ſecond Brigades, the 29th, with the *returned* carriage of the army; but I ſhall, as I now think, leave you at your preſent ground, in communication with Chingleput, for the chance of a *third* repleniſhing, if the time will admit of it.

There has been a conſiderable body of French at Villenore, under the *Second in Command*; they have retired for the preſent a few miles; but in caſe they ſhould be tempted to give Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton an *alert*, I have deſired him to leave three companies on the top of Permacoil, and to rejoin Colonel Gordon.

Elphinſton can ſee *thirty* miles round; and I wiſh you to poſt a Havildar's guard on any hill near your preſent ground, where they can be ſupported. Carangooly is too far. I ſent you fifty of our irregulars; you will pleaſe keep them on the *look-out*.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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From

## * From Major General STUART to Colonel LANG.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 28, 1783.

I SEND you the *official copy* of the letter which the Select Committee have forwarded to you; leſt it ſhould have miſcarried, I have wrote on the ſubject to Colonel Fullarton, and begged of him to communicate it to you.

*After the objects in which the ſouthern army are now employed,* with the other remarks, as noticed in my Letter †, I ſhould ſuppoſe your force would be beſt employed in moving towards the Coleroon.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

[Encloſure in the preceding Letter.]

From the Select Committee, to Colonel LANG, commanding the Army to the Southward.

*Fort St. George, April* 21, 1783.

HAVING received authentic accounts of your ſucceſs againſt Caroor, we congratulate you upon it, although we have as yet no ‡ information from yourſelf, either of that event, or of your ſubſequent intentions; your lateſt letter being dated 23d of February.

The Commander in Chief has lately received *official* notice from the Secretary at War, of the promotion of all his Majeſty's Lieutenant Colonels, ſerving in this country, to the rank of Colonel. And his Majeſty has alſo been pleaſed to honour two of the Company's officers with brevets for the ſame rank, namely, *yourſelf* and *Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Owen*; but,

* This Letter is referred to page 15, State of Facts, &c. Part II. J. S. 1784.

† See the following Letter, page 52, to Colonel Fullarton; alſo the Foot-note, page 63. J. S. 1784.

‡ See, in this Collection, Colonel Lang's Anſwer to this Letter. J. S. 1784.

as priority of rank is given to his Majeſty's *own* officers, by which circumſtance Colonels Fullarton and Forbes, now ſerving under you, are placed above you; and as it would be, doubtleſs, diſagreeable to you, to ſerve under theſe officers, after having commanded them in the field; we have reſolved, if agreeable to you, to employ your ſervices with the main army, which marches this day towards Cuddalore. In ſuch caſe, therefore, we deſire you will take the moſt expeditious method of joining the *main army*, as there are with it at preſent, but very few Company's officers of field rank.

Colonel Fullarton, or, in caſe of his death or abſence, Colonel Forbes, will receive from you the command of the forces to the ſouthward; and we deſire you will deliver to him our inſtructions to you, on your departure from hence, and thoſe you have ſince received from us, ſo that he may be fully acquainted with our orders and inſtructions, &c.

(Signed) MACARTNEY, and
S. COMMITTEE.

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON, commanding the Forces to the Southward.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 28, 1783.

I AM extremely concerned to acquaint you, *that our worthy General is no more.* He breathed his laſt, without a groan, yeſterday at five in the afternoon.

This army, under my command, is now on the move to the ſouthward. The advance of the line has been for ſeveral days at Atcherywauke, and I have ordered Permacoil to be repaired and taken poſſeſſion of; at this poſt (Permacoil), or in the neighbourhood, I ſhall remain *until I know of the ſhips ſailing from Madras with ſtores and proviſions. Our object is Cuddalore and the French.*

The ſuperior rank granted to you by his Majeſty, gives you the command of Colonel Lang, who will join me at a proper time.

* This Letter is referred to page $\frac{14}{15}$, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

I ſhall

*I ſhall be better judge, as I advance, of the particular* * *orders to be* ☞ *ſent to you, conſiſtent with the exigency of the ſervice*; but in the general outline of things they ſtrike me thus:

" That you ſhould not, on account of this *probable* exigency, ſoon " give up any attainable object, ſuch as *Dindigul*, or *even Namcull* †, " *if you are actually before theſe places*; but after you have acquired ☞ " *them*, I ſhould adviſe you to ſeparate your forces as little as poſſible, " and rather to garriſon *them* by the troops from the Madura and " Tinevelly Diſtricts, with ſteady Officers commanding."

The great object where I ſee the Southern Army will be moſt probably wanted, is, *in the taking of Chillumbrum, while I am before* ☞ *Cuddalore, and the covering and protecting the proviſions for our*

* See Foot-note, page 63, why I did not think it proper, *at this time*, to ſend any *poſitive order* to Colonel Fullerton. J. S. 1784.

† *The reaſon of this place* Namcull, *being at all mentioned by me in this Letter, was from my obſerving the contents of the diſpatches from the Select Committee (during my abſence on ſervice), addreſſed to Colonel Lang, or Officer commanding the Southern Force, dated March* 7, 1783, *where they talk of what is called* their Southern Army *advancing (upon certain ſuppoſitions) towards* Seringapatam, *and co-operating* effectually *with Brigadier General Matthews.*

*In this Letter, the Select Committee, moſt ſtrangely indeed! ſay,* " *That they conſider the* " *Southern Force* then *as equal to cope with the whole of Tippoo Saib's forces.*" *For aught therefore that I knew at the time of writing (as above) to Colonel Fullarton, our Southern forces might,* in this idea, *have been deſtined to act* inland *towards the* Coimbatore *Country, as being* (ſuppoſed) *on the* high road *to Seringapatam; and, in this notion, I thought it* poſſible, *they might ſtop in the way at this Hill-Fort* Namcull, *eſpecially as it is in the* old *track of the* former (ruinous) Ballaghaut War.

*The probability of this conjecture was increaſed by the current reports at this time. See Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton to me, page* 25. *The* Coimbatore Country *is alſo mentioned by the Preſident in his obſervations, April* 17, *State of Facts, page* 11. *See alſo the Letter (in my abſence) from the Select Committee, to Brigadier General Matthews, dated April* 22, 1783, *where they ſay,* " That Colonel Lang is marching againſt Dindigul and Namcull."

*In fact the two places lay almoſt in oppoſite directions. But my obvious meaning, clearly thus* ☞ *expreſſed to Colonel Fullarton, is,* " *That he ſhould* finiſh *with whatever place he was* then " actually employed about, whether Dindigul, or even Namcull; *that he ſhould gar-* " *riſon (from the ſouthern Troops, not then in the field) whatever he had taken*; and to keep " the field force he then actually had under him, in readineſs to move towards me, *for* " *the purpoſes which I detail to him, in this Letter.*" J. S. 1784.

*Army,*

☞ *Army*, and *cutting off all ſupplies for the French from the Trichinopoly Country, or adjoining Polygars; becauſe I do not ſee it will be poſſible for* ☞ *me to detach any part for that purpoſe.*

You will revolve all theſe things in your mind, and give me *early* and *ſpeedy* intelligence of every thing.

My wiſh is for you to ſucceed *in the objects now in hand*, and then co-operate with me, for the greateſt of all national ſervices, *the driving the French from India*, with an eye at the ſame time to the Forts of the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Countries, and the making inroads into Tippoo's Country, from the poſts acquired therein by the Southern Army.

I have wrote to Colonel Lang a few lines, with the copy of the Select Committee's Letter to him, and I have referred him to what I *now* write to you.

I ſhall be with the whole of the Army near Permacoil the 31ſt, and very poſſibly *it will be the 8th of next month, before our ſhips are at anchor off Cuddalore.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

[Encloſures in the preceding Letter.]

No. I.

From the Select Committee to Colonel FULLARTON, or, in his Abſence, to Colonel FORBES.

*Fort St. George, April* 20, 1783.

HAVING judged proper to employ the ſervices of Colonel Lang with the main Army, now going on action againſt the French at Cuddalore, *and to conſtitute you in the Command of the King's* and Company's Forces to the Southward, we have directed Colonel Lang to deliver to you the inſtructions we gave or ſent to him from time to time, in relation to ſuch command: We therefore deſire that you will aſſume the command of the troops to the Southward, and we have no doubt that you will regulate your conduct by the aforeſaid inſtructions, and ſuch regulations as we may hereafter tranſmit to you, *&c.*

(Signed) MACARTNEY, and
S. COMMITTEE.

## No. II.

* From the Select Committee to Colonel FULLARTON, or Officer commanding the Southern Army.

*Fort St. George, April* 21, 1783.

MAJOR General Stuart having repreſented to us, that a junction of a * part of the Forces under your command may be neceſſary for the reduction of Cuddalore, we have, in caſe that neceſſity ſhould appear to *him* to be indiſpenſible, empowered *him* to ſend orders to *you* for that purpoſe. And we hereby deſire, that you will comply with the ſame, by ſending him ſuch a detachment of the Forces under your command as *he* may require, and your * ſituation permit to be ſent to him, *&c.*

(Signed) MACARTNEY, and
S. COMMITTEE.

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## From Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON to Major General STUART.

*Permacoil, April* 28, 1783, 10 *o'Clock A. M.*

I HAD the honour of writing to you the 26th and 27th inſtant, and alſo ſent Lieutenant Wicken's report of the ſtate of the fort. I have not ſent any guns up to the fort, as it would be attended with great labour to get them up or down.

* *This Letter (and the preceding) was made out after I had left the Preſidency, and had joined the Army, otherwiſe I ſhould have obſerved upon the marked difference from the Reſolution in Committee, April 17th, where it is repeatedly and expreſsly ſaid, the* principal *part, and the* main *part of Colonel Lang's Army to join me, and where there was* no *latitude (as in the laſt words above) left with Colonel Fullarton, to determine according to* his *ſituation. See the extract of Minute April 17th, pages 11 and 12; State of Facts, Part ſecond. See Plan of Operations, April 8th, Articles 14, 16, and 17, in the preceding, pages 7 and 8. See alſo in the Collection my Minute in Committee, April 14, 1783.* J. S. 1784.



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A conſiderable quantity of paddy, I believe, might be collected about this neighbourhood, had we bags and carriage, and a ſufficient force to afford detachments to collect it. Cattle might alſo be got, but muſt be ſent for to a greater diſtance, than we can afford in our preſent ſituation; ſome village people have promiſed to bring in paddy and cattle, on condition of being paid for them. There is great plenty of water and forage at this place, and at Tindevanum. When I was writing the above, *a party of horſe endeavoured to carry off our cattle;* the Cavalry are in purſuit of them.

(Signed) JOHN ELPHINSTON.

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## From Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON to Major General STUART.

*Permacoil, April* 28, 1783, 4 *o'Clock P. M.*

SOON after I wrote to you this forenoon, the Cavalry returned, and brought in two horſes and one man, belonging to the enemy: The priſoner ſays, the party which was purſued, is the advanced party of two thouſand five hundred horſe, lately come into this country, and at preſent near to this place; that they were ſent by *Tippoo Saib*, from Chingrapett, in the Myſore country, about a month ago, at which place *he* then was; they are now begun to burn the forrage, of which there is great plenty here, and paddy ſtraw. The people who had taken protection from us ſuffer from them.

(Signed) JOHN ELPHINSTON.

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## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of the Palar, April* 28, 1783.

I HAVE had the honor to receive your letter of the 26th of April, acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 22d and 23d; I have alſo this day received your letter of the 27th, where, in the P. S. I am ac-

* This Letter is referred to, page 15, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

quainted

quainted of the deceaſe of my friend, *the late Commander in Chief*; I confeſs, that my concern on this event, on every conſideration poſſible, is ſuch as to incapacitate me, at this minute, to enter into any diſcuſſion concerning the ſouthern army, further than to aſſure you, in ſpite of ſuſpicion, *that my inclination, as well as my duty, will ever lead me to obey the orders of Government.*

I proceed, therefore, now to give my opinion upon our *immediate wants*, and " that a veſſel, with rice, to the extent of eight or ten " thouſand bags of rice, with boats to land it, and cattamarans, be " ſtationed as ſoon as may be at *Conjemeer*, and a man to come on ſhore " to Permacoil with intelligence."

Two days ago, I took poſſeſſion of Permacoil, and I am going to carry from the garriſon of Chingleput *two* 3 *pounders*, to be put on the upper fort. I mean to move the 1ſt and 2d Brigades from hence the 30th, leaving the 3d Brigade at Madranticum. The army will be in force with its left towards *Killenore* the 2d of next month, and from that poſition I ſhall detach, in order to cover the landing of the rice at Conjemeer. This landing place will be better than at Sadraſs. As to the ſhip *Reſolution*, I can at preſent ſay nothing more than to expreſs my wiſh, that ſhe may come in aid of our wants, either at Conjemeer, or wherever elſe rice may be needed.

If the Admiral ſails the 3d, *and our proviſion and ſtores can get in twelve days from that, to the ſouth of Cuddalore*, I ſhould imagine, that ten thouſand bags of rice at Conjemeer, with what I am now carrying on, may do for us.

The other want, is money to pay the army; and I again repeat to your Lordſhip, &c. the abſolute and immediate neceſſity to ſend us, at leaſt, the remainder of what I formerly aſked, *ninety thouſand pagodas*.

My repeated intelligence from Cuddalore is, that M. *Buſſy* is coining money, *not* to pay off arrears of his own army (which are to the full as

great as ours), but to debauch the native Corps, Cavalry and Sepoys, in the Company's pay, and the foreigners of his Majeſty's troops.

Your Lordſhip, &c. makes mention of the *ſix hundred*, that I had ordered to be in readineſs: I have deſired that Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim come with them; but my particular requeſt is, that the *Artillery-men* from Bengal be ſent by the ſame occaſion. *This is the Corps on which every thing principally turns.*

I have deſired Major General Bruce to join the Army, and he will come *by ſea*. There is no ſervice of ſuch importance as *that* we are now about. The recovered men belonging to the Corps in the King's and Company's ſervice will alſo join at the ſame time. I hope to be able to take with me *forty* out of the hundred and twenty Europeans, now at Chingleput.

Any thing contained in your Lordſhip's, &c. Letter of the 26th and 27th, not here adverted to, I ſhall at the firſt moment's leiſure take up; *the buſineſs now is to get on by ſea and land.* It is a *criſis*, and my mind and thoughts are ſolely taken up with the importance of it.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel OWEN (at the Preſidency).

### EXTRACT.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 29, 1784.

THE late melancholy event made the hearts of this Army *ache*, full two days before *your expreſs* arrived.

You, with Mr. Graham, will have had occaſion to trace my opinion of, and regard for, the General, in the packets. I moſt ſincerely condole

dole with Lady Coote, with you, and his family,—with the Army, and with the nation, on ſo great a loſs, at this moſt critical period more eſpecially! but, *Colonel*, you and I, and all Soldiers, muſt look *forward*, and to the buſineſs in hand.

I have to make a requeſt to you, my friends, to ſeparate all orders, or inſtructions from the Crown, or from the Eaſt India Company. Alſo the uſual forms of public buſineſs *in the Department of the Commander in Chief*; *and to ſay with whom, as ſuch, I am to correſpond in England.* Likewiſe, how far Sir Eyre had recommended, or filled up the vacancies? And what you or they know, to have been *our friend's* wiſh in that reſpect, though unluckily he had not lived to execute it. I ſhall be his *executor* in that reſpect, and in every thing which Lady Coote or his family deſire, and is in my power to do.

The packets of the nature of public office buſineſs, though addreſſed *officially* to Sir Eyre Coote (ſent by me lately), ſhould, as I believe, be now with me; theſe, or whatever elſe Mr. Graham or Mr. Tyler ſee fit to forward, may come by the tranſports to Cuddalore. Pray let me know what is to become of the money? for we have not a ſhilling here, and muſt be diſtreſſed to the laſt degree, if we cannot find credit on the ſecurity of the *bullion*.

I move on towards Tindevanum and Permacoil to-morrow; I ſhall make a ſnug place on the top of the hill, in ſpite of all the ruins, and I put two three-pounders from Chingleput, with ſome Sepoys and two European officers on the top.

*If the advance of the French, under M. de Hauffliſſe, remain at Villenore four days, I ſhall give them an alert.*

(Signed) JAM' STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of Palar, April* 29, 1784, 4 *P. M.*

THE preceding is the copy of my Letter of † yesterday. The orders are out for our march to-morrow, and my two last requests to you *now* are, to send us money, and to dispatch the ship with eight or ten thousand bags immediately *(with the means of landing the rice, for our immediate wants)* to Conjemeer. Our people, from Permacoil, will keep a look-out for her, and we shall lose no time in unloading. Colonel Pearce remains at Madranticum till further orders, and will convoy, in safety, the money, the cattle, or whatever else you send us by Chingleput from the Presidency.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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## From Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON to Major General STUART, &c.

No. I. and II.

*Permacoil, April* 30, 1783, 7 *A. M.*

I. I DID not write to you yesterday, as the intelligence I received of the enemies motions were contradictory to each other. *I can now plainly see a camp on the Red Hills at Noble's Tope;* it is not extensive, but very regular. I have some people out, whom I expect soon to return, with information of the force in the camp on the Red Hills. When I receive further intelligence I shall report to you.

(Signed) JOHN ELPHINSTON.

* This Letter is referred to page 16, State of Facts, Part Second. J. S. 1784.

† See page 56. J. S. 1784.

*Permacoil, April* 30, 1783, 6 *o'Clock, evening.*

*II. IN the courſe of this afternoon, ſix different people whom I had ſent to the enemies camp are returned; they all agree, that we only ſee *part* of their camp from this place, and that their *principal* force is aſſembling at the Red Hills. They ſay, the report in the enemies camp is, that our Army is much divided, and *that they intend an attack on this place* *; they alſo ſay, *Monſieur Buſſy* is in Pondicherry.

I think a reinforcement here abſolutely neceſſary. I had the honor of writing to you this forenoon.

(Signed) JOHN ELPHINSTON.

*P. S.* Some Europeans would be a great addition to us. Two more men, whom I had ſent out, are this inſtant come in; they confirm the above.

(Signed) J. E.

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[†] From Major General STUART to Lieutenant Colonel ELPHINSTON.

*Atcherywauke, May* 1, 1783.

I HAVE received your Letter and Duplicate, dated yeſterday, at ſix in the evening. I ſuppoſe you have numbers of truſty Sepoys ſtationed *betwixt* the French and you. It is not unlikely but they may be tempted to come forward. Pray God it may be ſo! If you ſee yourſelf *likely* to be forced, before the head of our line is in ſight, you will leave two hundred men *on the Hill*, and bring off the remainder of your

* I received this note in the forenoon of May 1ſt, when actually on the march with the *firſt* brigade from Madranticum to Atcherywauke, and I ſent the anſwer [†] as above, of May 1. J. S. 1784.

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force to join us. I ſhall move, with the whole Army, to-morrow morning, ſo as to encamp within three miles of Permacoil, about nine o'clock. The march would be too long for the Europeans to move *quite up* to Permacoil. I am ſorry to find you are run ſo near in rice; it ought not to have been ſo. I expect to hear from you every hour, if you ſee neceſſary.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON, or Officer commanding the Southern Forces.

*Camp at Atcherywauke, May* 1, 1783.

THE whole Army will be aſſembled in force at Permacoil to-morrow. We ſee ſome of the French at the *Red Hills*, and I am told that *M. Buſſy is there.*

This movement will clear *you* of all enemies. My only difficulty is the want of a ſufficient ſtock of rice to begin our operations.

We have the news of Averacouchy; and we hear you would afterwards proceed to Dindegul and *Namcull* †.

The rocks at both thoſe places (as I am told) are not to be carried but by intelligence with the enemy.

If the *Myſore agent* anſwers expectations ‡, that point will be gained; but if not, I ſhould imagine the ſervice of the Army to the ſouthward, with

* *This Letter is referred to, page* 16, *State of Facts, Part II. It was added* as Poſtſcript *to the duplicate of my laſt Letter to Colonel Fullarton, dated April* 28th, *ſee page* 52. *It went by the (Tanjore) Harkarrahs, to the Reſident Mr. Sulivan, and in duplicate to Mr. Cochrane.* J. S. 1784.

† *See in the foot note, page* 53, *the reaſon why* Namcull *is here mentioned.* J. S. 1784.

‡ *Concerning this perſon whoſe name was* Trimalrow, *the* (ſuppoſed) *agent from the* (ſuppoſed) *Ranah of Myſore, through whom a* formal treaty *was concluded in the name of Lord Macartney and Select Committee, I beg leave to refer to my Minute* (No II.) *of November* 16, 1782, *and to the Conſultations where the* Ranah negociation *is mentioned.* J. S. 1784.

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with the reſervation mentioned in the preceding Letter (April 28), would be of *more* benefit, co-operating with us towards the Coleroon, *until we can make ſure work of the French.*

I hope to have every thing ready to hem them in by the 15th of the preſent month. *I have wrote you now what is my * wiſh and my * plan; but I decline ſending an order **, until I hear further from you.

(Signed) JAM$^{S}$ STUART.

* *In my Letters, both* ſeparate *and* official, *concerning the* ſouthern co-operation, *though I might at times offer my own private opinion, yet it will be found, that in general, I conformed to the plain inferred ſenſe and purpoſe of the Minutes and Plans for the Campaign,* as approved of by Government, before I left the Preſidency; *and in particular, that in ſtrict obedience to the Minute in Conſultation, of April 17th, confirmed deliberately by that of the 19th,* I did not ☞ think myſelf at liberty to ſend a poſitive order to Colonel Fullarton, until I ſaw an evident neceſſity for it, *viz.* on the 31ſt of May. *All theſe papers are now to be ſeen in this Collection, and I refer to them.*

*In regard to the paſſage (" until we make ſure work of the French") in the above Letter, May 1, to Colonel Fullarton, I ſhall now take leave to cite the following Extracts of a Letter from the Select Committee, dated April 22 (immediately after my leaving Madras), addreſſed to Brigadier General Mathews, at a time when* they *knew of his having taken* Mangalore, *and of the ſtate of things in the* Biddenore country, *and at* Hydernagur, *and where they acquaint him " of the powers given to me to call for part of the ſouthern force, and that no reinforcement " could at that ſeaſon be ſent by ſea to his aſſiſtance."*

*The following ‡ Extracts are cited, therefore, on purpoſe to ſhew the exact conformity of my correſpondence with the views of* Government, *and to evince " That after the reduction of " Caroor and of Dindigul (the laſt of which happened on the fourth of May), Lord Macartney " and Select Committee had* no *expectation to effect any* real *co-operation towards the* Myſore " *or* Coimbatore *countries, ſuch as to extricate Brigadier General Mathews, by any diverſion " or co-operation of the ſouthern force in* that direction, *under Colonels Lang or Fullarton,* " ſeparate *or diſjoined from the main Army under my command,* until after the reduction of the " French had been effected by our joint force applied to that ſingle and moſt important " object." J. S. 1784.

☞ From Lord MACARTNEY and SELECT COMMITTEE, Fort St. George, to Brigadier General MATHEWS, *&c.*

‡ EXTRACTS.

*Fort St. George, April* 22, 1783.

" IT is hoped, however, that the late conqueſt of Caroor by our Army under Colonel " Lang, will call the attention of ſo many of *Tippoo-Saib*'s forces to that part of his do-

" minions

## From Major General STUART to Colonel PEARCE, commanding the Third Brigade at Madranticum.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 3, 1783.

I HAVE ordered the public and private followers of the Army to be ſupplied at Chingleput, to the 7th of June incluſive, being eleven days more than they have at preſent. You will pleaſe give the neceſſary orders, in this reſpect, in what concerns your detachment, and give the eſcort you ſee proper, to meet them half way towards Atcherywauke, and to conduct them to and from Chingleput. I hope the whole will be returned to Madranticum the *eighth*; and by that time I may have the pleaſure to hear of rice *in a certain intermediate ſtation, which will remove the neceſſity of your remaining at Madranticum.* I ſhall then ſend orders for your joining, and in time for your marching with five days rice as uſual.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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" minions, that you will be able to maintain your ground againſt thoſe that will remain " to be ſent againſt you. Colonel Lang is now marching againſt *Dindigul and Nam-* " *cull* *.

" The expulſion of our national enemy, the French, being no doubt an eſſential ob- " ject (ſhould that be happily accompliſhed), *we ſhall then be at liberty to give you* " *effectual ſupport.*

" However, we truſt very much for the preſervation of your conqueſts, to the abilities " by which they were acquired, and *that you muſt act for the preſent on the defenſive only.*"

* *See Foot-note, page* 53. J. S. 1784.

☞ *See the whole of this Letter in the Collection.* J. S. 1784.

## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May 3, 1783.*

I HAVE the honor to send enclosed an Extract of the *General Orders*, this day issued, where you will see, that *I lost no time* in giving possession, with every authority in my power, to the person recommended by the Right Honourable President, to take charge of the revenues here and in the districts adjoining; and I shall continue to do so, until the orders of *Government* direct to the contrary.

Whatever is, or hereafter may be, *my own opinion* concerning both the points of right, as well as the present mode of managing the revenues; and how strongly I am impressed with the illegality of the resolutions and acts of the Select Committee, in respect of revenues, or other matters, *from which I have been excluded, and where I might have been summoned*, yet leaving the responsibility with your Lordship, &c. you shall never find my opinions operate to *counteract even the appearance of public service.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

[Enclosure in the preceding Letter.]

### EXTRACT of *General Orders* by the Commander in Chief.

*Camp, near Permacoil, May 3, 1783.*

" THE Right Honourable the President, having communicated to the
" Commander in Chief, that *Raggoram Pundit*, now with the Army,
" is appointed the *Aumil*, on the part of the Company, for the district of
" *Arcot*, on which, by the Aumil's report, the district of *Permacoil* depends;
" the Commander in Chief publishes to all concerned, that he, or his deputy
" *Surreea Narrain Pundit*, has taken charge of the district, as above, and that,
" *by order of Government*, he is to be supported therein. The Quarter



" Master

" Maſter General will give directions to publiſh the ſame by *tom-tom* in " camp, and in Permacoil-Pettah. In caſes where Sepoys are needed for " the protection of the village people, application to be made to the " General's ſecretary.

" Captain Muirhead will ſend a report, to the Adjutant-General, of the " detail of guards given from the twentieth Battalion, for the protection of " the villages, and it is left to *his* judgment to determine the numbers ac- " cording to their diſtance from the Army."

A true Extract.

(Signed) HENRY MALCOLM,
Adjutant General.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 3, 1783.

I HAVE the honor of acquainting you, that I came to this ground *yeſterday*, with the ſecond line of the Army. The Europeans (firſt Brigade), together with the ſecond Brigade, have joined us this day. The third Brigade, as before mentioned, remains at Madranticum, and one Battalion at Atcherywauke, to take charge of what we have been *unable* to bring up from the weakneſs of the bullocks, and the intenſe heat of the weather.

Alarmed and vexed with the rapid diminution of our means of carriage, ſuch as to be now, by this day's report*, *only equal to ten days for the fighting men*, in the grain-keepers department; I thought proper to give out, in *general orders*, what I have now the honor of incloſing to you †, and though it does not encreaſe *our means* in that reſpect, yet I truſt it will tend to leſſen the expence to our Honourable Employers.

* *See the return following*, No. I. † *See the encloſure following*, No. II. J.S. 1784.

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I have had a report of what is doing on the top of the hill here; much labour and expence have been employed by the enemy, *radically* to deſtroy the old works; no guns, or ſtores of any kind have been left. But as the Choultry on the ſummit is fortunately *entire*, I may venture to aſſure your Lordſhip, &c. that in four or five days, at moſt, we ſhall be able to make a *poſt* there for one hundred and fifty men *at arms*, with two three pounders, tenable againſt any force reaſonably to be expected to come againſt it. The Pettah wall is alſo tenable againſt horſe. My intention is to leave a proper garriſon on the ſummit, together with a certain proportion of the rice which *I hourly look for, to arrive at Conjemeer*, and which I cannot too earneſtly recommend to your Lordſhip, &c. to diſpatch *with the utmoſt expedition.* The Choultry above mentioned will hold 1500 bags.

I ſhall endeavour, with the utmoſt diſpatch, to ſend an eſcort as far as Chingleput, ſo as the *public and private followers* of the army may be completed from *thence*, to the utmoſt of *their* power, of carriage; but I do not ſee a poſſibility to help myſelf from thence, *in regard to the Army, without abſolutely killing the ſmall remains we have of cattle. It is therefore, that I expect the ſending rice by ſea, to the place above mentioned. Thus ſupplied, until I know that our ſhips are at their deſtination, I ſhall think myſelf extremely happy.* The money is the other thing needful, and I could wiſh it were ſent to Chingleput, and forwarded to Colonel Pearce, who will have my orders to join in four or five days at furtheſt.

My intelligence from the *Red Hills* confirms what we ſee, that there is a detachment from Cuddalore employed in driving cattle from the bounds of Pondichery, along the ſea ſide towards Cuddalore; but I hope to take every head of them within the bounds of Cuddalore. Hyder's Amildars have driven the cattle, belonging even to *his Cowl villages*, very far to the weſtward; ſo that I wiſh your Lordſhip, &c. would be

pleaſed to ſend from the Preſidency, without loſs of time (to the greateſt extent poſſible), *ſlaughter cattle*, which Colonel Pearce's detachment may bring with them.

I have heard, that the Admiral was to leave the roads *yeſterday*, and I hope our convoy for Cuddalore may *ſoon* after follow, bringing Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim, and *ſix hundred* Hanoverians, and all the recovered of his Majeſty's troops, with Major General Bruce, to which effect I have wrote to Major General Sir John Burgoyne; and I am to requeſt of your Lordſhip, &c. that the Bengal *artillery-men*, lately arrived, may alſo be embarked, becauſe, with infinite concern I inform you, that if the weather continues ſo intenſely hot, and if I am to judge from the numbers of *Europeans* daily falling down, our guns *cannot* be manned *without* this recruit from Bengal, &c.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

## No. I.

RETURN of the Carriage for Rice with the Army-Camp Atcherywauke, *May* 1, 1784.

[Referred to in the preceding Letter.]

| | | No. of Bags. |
|---|---|---|
| 1877 | Carriage bullocks (Granary) carry - | 1700 |
| ☞ 500 | *Ditto Ditto Sick, or ſore backs*, &c. | |
| | Granary carts carry - - | 542 |
| | Guns and tumbrils - - | 232 |
| | Carriage for rice, Total * | 2474 |

(Signed) A. W. HEARSEY, Capt.
Military Grain-keeper.

* *It required* 220 *bags daily, to feed the fighting men only.*

J. S. 1784.

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## No. II.

[Enclosure in the preceding Letter.]

### EXTRACT of *General Orders* by the Commander in Chief.

*Camp near Permacoil, May* 3, 1783.

" THE carriage of the Army rice being of late greatly diminiſhed, the " Commander in Chief, in order to aſcertain what may in future be de- " pended upon; and to prevent the expence of *non-effectives*, deſires parti- " cular attention to be given by the Commanding Officers of Corps, and " the Heads of Departments, to the returns of carriage cattle made to " the Quarter Maſter General, particularly for the laſt fifteen days, ending " the 30th of laſt month; and orders, that the cattle under the deſcription " of *ſore backs*, *ſick*, or *very low*, and not likely in a few days to get *well*, " be immediately ſtruck off the liſt, and be on the books *no further* than the " 30th of laſt month. Their numbers to be aſcertained in their return.

" Mr. Jackſon *, or his repreſentatives, and Mr. Kenworthy †, and " Captain Hearſay, in their different lines of Deputy, are to ſee that this " order be complied with.

" The Quarter Maſter General of the Army, acting for the Commander " in Chief, to make his report upon the whole; and he will order the *Cut-* " *wall* to put ſome *laſting mark* on the cattle ſo diſcharged, in order to " prevent the *impoſition* of bullock-maſtries attempting again to bring " them into the ſervice."

A true Extract.

(Signed) HENRY MALCOLM,
Adjutant General.

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### From Lieutenant CLOSE, Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief, to Mr. Secretary HUDDLESTONE.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 4, 1783.

I AM deſired by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, for the information of the Honourable Select Committee, that the place, whether called *Conjemeer*, or *Coniameer*, where he, *with the utmoſt*

* *The Company's D. Commiſſary.*

† *The Company's D. Agent.*

*anxiety*,

*anxiety*, longs to ſee the *Reſolution* at anchor, with 10,000 bags of rice, lays to the ſouth of Alamparva; and that, beſides his orders from the Hill here, he has people ſtationed to bring him the *earlieſt* intelligence. And the General requeſts, *with the utmoſt anxiety*, that the rice may be ſent there *directly*, and under the protection of a Frigate; *but rather than delay it, to come alone.*

(Signed) B. CLOSE,
Aid de Camp.

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## From Colonel OWEN to Major General STUART.

### EXTRACT (received *May* 5th).

*Fort St. George, April* 30, 1783.

"I AM honoured with your Letters of the 27th inſtant *. *The contents were communicated to the Admiral.* You, no doubt, have been acquainted, that the means to cover the ſtore tranſports, &c. with a *fifty*, three *frigates*, and *St. Carlos*, if ſhe arrives. His fleet, he ſays, *muſt to the ſouthward, and look for the enemy.*

"I ſent your Letter to General Bruce. The ſcene here has been all adverſity, and undeſcribable. The money I was obliged to land, in conſequence of Sir Eyre Coote's moſt pitiable ſtate. It has been a very ſea of trouble and anxiety.

"The Admiral, on my application, has this morning ſent a Cutter to Bengal. The Bengal pilot, who came with us, returned on her, ſo that ſhe will run through to Calcutta in about ſix days; an anſwer, either by that veſſel or by land, will be here in twenty days more, from their arrival. They will, no doubt, ſend a further ſupply of money on her. I am alſo overwhelmed in a variety of other extenſive concerns

* See my Letter to Colonel Owen, page 44. J. S. 1784.

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on the *revered General's* account; they ſhall be executed to the beſt of my judgment, and I hope it will dictate what is right. The public have loſt a very *ſheet anchor;* and I need not explain to *you* my private misfortune;—it has totally unhinged me.—The memory of ſuch a Friend,—Patron,—nay, my very Father, is dear,—dear, indeed!

"May your preſent enterpriſe be crowned with ſucceſs, equal to your moſt ſanguine wiſhes! *Get but your ſtores*, &c. (ſent by ſea) *fixed at their proper aſſigned ſtation, and I have not the leaſt doubt but the buſineſs will be completed.*"

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel PEARCE, commanding the Third Brigade at Madranticum.

*Camp at Permacoil, May, 5, 1783, P. M.*

I HAVE had the honour of your Note, dated yeſterday; it is true, there was ſome difference in the two Letters you take notice of; but in the *hourly expectation of ſeeing a ſhip with rice* (which I had made the proper diſpoſition to unload for the uſe of the army, *on this ſide Pondicherry*), I have wiſhed to ſave the miſerable cattle and followers *the neceſſity* of a trip to Chingleput. If the wind, or other adverſe cauſes, prevent the ſhip's arrival, I ſhall ſend, as originally intended, and at the ſame time give you previous notice.

I am aſtoniſhed to find the *twenty thouſand* pagodas had not reached you the 4th; there muſt be ſome miſtake, or Captain Patterſon had not men to eſcort it. You will pleaſe, in ſuch caſes, or indeed at any time, you ſee need for an eſcort, to make matters ſure from Chingleput; detach any part of your force you ſee proper for the purpoſe.

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Whatever you can carry for your public and private followers, when you come to join us, will be ſo much gained to them, and a ſaving to our ſcanty ſtores here.

I am rejoiced to find our Admiral is ſo far on his way South, and likely to be ſoon reinforced with a line of battle ſhip. *Our land operations will, I truſt, keep pace with him.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*P. S.* Captain Bennet, with all the rice, will be in camp here to-morrow night. J. S.

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## * From Major General STUART, to JOHN SULIVAN, Eſq; Reſident at Tanjore.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 5, 1783.

I Deſired Mr. Cloſe to put my Letter to Colonel Fullarton, or officer commanding, *under your cover, with the double view of wiſhing you might know my plan*, as well as to ſave time.

Our ſucceſs is as certain as the nature of future human events will admit of; and *my* great object is to make it *independent* to the utmoſt poſſibility of wind, weather, or naval operations.

In this proſpect, I muſt truſt to your aſſiſtance from the Southward, and your influence with the *Warriorpollam*, *Arrialore*, *Pallamcotta*, and other Pollygars, to ſupply us with rice and cattle, &c. either for ready money, or accountable receipts. If they do ſo, I ſhall not ſend garriſons, or ſuffer any of their countries to be ſearched or plundered; but, on the contrary, ſhall give them written *cowl*, and every protection.

You ſee, by my Letters, *my* views as to Chillumbrum; while I am buſy with the *French*; the Pollygars may alſo be of great ſervice.

* *This Letter is referred to, page* 16*th, State of Facts, Part* II. *It was ſent by Mr. Sulivan's Harkarras (who were then paſſing from the Preſidency) to Tanjore.* J. S. 1784.

Pray let my nephew, *Baſil Cochrane*, have every authority you can give him, to aſſiſt us with rice and boats, and refreſhments of every ſort from Tranquebar; and do me the favour to publiſh, through all the ſouthern countries, and at Tranquebar, " *That not one Fanam ever has*, " *neither ever ſhall be, exacted from any perſon, as duty or contribution*, " *of any ſort, for any article whatever in the Bazar of this army, while* " *I have the honour to command it.*"

Our Fleet was off Sadras the 3d, and the Hound Sloop joined, from Admiral Parker, that day. He ſailed the middle of October, and may be hourly looked for. This is another line of battle ſhip to us.

I have made this Fort as good as ever. I wait for a ſhip to anchor off Conjimeer, *which will enable me to keep going on, until our proviſion and ſtore ſhips come to their deſtination*, &c. ☞

(Signed) JAM$^{S}$ STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to the Preſident (Lord Macartney).

*Camp at Permacoil, May 5, 1783.*

YOUR Letter of the 30th ultimo, with the copy of the † Admiral's inſtructions to Captain Haliday, only reached me this morning; my ſpirits are kept up, chiefly by the hopes of your Lordſhip's exertions; *all our eyes, indeed our whole attention is pointed towards Conjimeer.* The inſtant the ſhip comes to anchor, I make a movement with the whole Army towards *Killanore*, to cover the landing of her precious cargo; *on the ſtrength of which depends our future exiſtence (not to mention operations), until the proviſion and ſtore ſhips come to their deſtination.* ☞

* This Letter is referred to, page 16, State of Facts, Part II. (it is, by miſtake, *there* ſaid, to the Select Committee.) J. S. 1784.

† See the Collateral Correſpondence in this Collection. J. S. 1784.

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I had heard of the 20,000 pagodas at Chingleput, and gave orders for its being eſcorted here; but, alas! this is really nothing;—one month's pay to the Black Troops in this Army, is conſiderably above double that ſum; and the poor Sepoys *(ſix months in arrear)* are now paying the higheſt uſury for what they borrow to purchaſe *Ghee and Bazar-ſtuff, to make their dry rice go down.* I hope your Lordſhip will have ſent, by this time, at leaſt the 70,000 pagodas, or what more you can, to Chingleput, to be forwarded to Colonel Pearce, who will remain on his preſent ground, *only* until I know of the *Reſolution* being *arrived* at Conjimeer; and this alone would remove, in a great meaſure, any diſtreſs about bullocks and rice.

The money over and above the old claim (120,000 pagodas) will, I truſt, be doubled, and in readineſs to ſend by Commodore Haliday: thus, with meat, ſtores, and money, I hope in God to be able to act almoſt independent of ſea operations. *It is to this point that all my leading meaſures or movements now tend.*

I have this day heard from Colonel Pearce, of the Fleet being off the Seven Pagodas the 3d, and of the Hound Sloop joining the Admiral, with accounts of Sir Peter Parker; but Colonel Pearce had *not* received the 20,000 pagodas from Chingleput, which ſurpriſes me.

* *I have given notice concerning our late and future intended movements to Colonel Fullarton, or Officer commanding to the ſouthward, and have deſired Mr. J. Sulivan to open the Letters, in caſe of his being at any conſiderable diſtance.*

This Hill-Fort will, in a more compact form, be as tenable as ever, in a very few days;—our ſmall guns are up, and *New-union* hoiſted. If I ſee the *Reſolution* to-morrow, or even next day, at Conjimeer, I ſhall put *five* days rice for the Black Troops of this Army on the top.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

* *See Pages* 11. 51. 52. 62. 72. 75. 76. J. S. 1784.

From

## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May 6, 1783.*

THE preceding is the copy of my Letter of yesterday's date, to the Right Honourable the President.

Upon repeated intelligence that *Tippoo*'s Amildars, in correspondence with Monsr. De Bussy, were collecting cattle betwixt Gingee and Vickeravandy, for the use of the French Fleet and Army, I sent Lieutenant Colonel Elphinston with a regiment of horse, and two battalions of Sepoys, last night in that direction; and I ordered a party, composed of the body guard, and the piquet battalion in waiting, to march this morning for their support;—they saw no enemy worth mentioning, and have brought to camp 1500 head of cattle, and 500 sheep; this I reckon *thirty* days fresh provision for the Army; and I desire for the present, nothing more from the Presidency, *for immediate need*, but ready money and the ship *(Resolution)* at Conjimeer.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON, Commanding the Forces to the Southward.

*Permacoil, May 5-6, 1783.*

I HAVE been here now full three days, employing the interval *(until I see our ships)* in repairing this Fort, which is now almost done.

The Admiral sailed the morning of the 2d, and from the strong land and sea winds, I have every reason to think he will have got on well to the Southward.

He is to look after *M. Suffrein*, while some of his frigates escort our provision and store ships South of Cuddalore. Lord Macartney writes

* This was wrote either as a separate Letter, or in *Postscript* to the Duplicate of my last, (Pages 62 and 72.) addressed to Colonel Fullarton, or to Mr. Sulivan: It is referred to, Page 16, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

me, that they (the ſtore-ſhips) will ſail as this day; and I have reaſon to believe they will make it in ſix days: this will bring it to the 12th, and on the 14th, *as I wrote * you before, we ſhall be at our fix'd encampment,* ☞ *by which time I hope to hear from you, and of a movement towards us.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## † From Major General STUART to J. SULIVAN, Eſq; Reſident at *Tanjore*.

[Added as a *Poſtſcript* to the Duplicate of the former Letter to him of May 5, Page 72.]

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 6, 1783.

THE preceding is what I wrote you yeſterday. I have heard nothing from the Preſidency ſince. I have now with me *thirty-four* days freſh proviſions, by a hawl this day made towards Gingee.

The French *advanced Camp* on the Red Hills appears no more: my *immediate* movement turns upon 8 or 10,000 bags of rice, being at anchor upon our left, in our next poſition.—Would to God I might ſee it to-morrow or next day!—*If not, I muſt, to avoid diſgrace, riſk the loſs of our carriage cattle by death, in ſending them as far as Chingleput; but every thing ſhall be riſked, rather than fail in our preſent object.*

Not having wrote to my Nephew theſe ten days, I requeſt you will give him the news regarding our poſition and intended movements.

(Signed) J. S.

* See my Letter of May 1ſt, Page 63, where I mention the 15th. J. S. 1784.

† This P. S. is referred to Page 16, State of Facts, Part II. It was ſent by Lord Macartney's Harkarahs going to Tanjore, and was, *like all my other Letters, in common to Mr. Sulivan and Colonel Fullarton.* J. S. 1784.

From

## From Major General BRUCE to Major General STUART.

(*Madras, May* 1, 1783.)

Received May 6.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge yours of the * 27th ultimo. *I communicated the contents to Lord Macartney* and Sir John Burgoyne. —The laſt not yet certain of joining, owing to bad health.

Sir Edward Hughes ſails to-night or to-morrow morning, after which, no time will be loſt in getting ready the proviſion ſhips, &c. when I ſhall embark the troops, and ſail with all ſpeed, agreeable to orders.

(Signed) T. BRUCE.

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## † From Major General STUART to Colonel Pearce, commanding the 3d Brigade at Madranticum.

*Camp at Permacoil, Wedneſday, May* 7, 1783.

*THE ſhip I expected with our rice, not being yet arrived, I am under the neceſſity of forwarding another convoy to Chingleput, however diſtreſſing to the cattle of the Army, on which ſo much depends.*

They proceed to-morrow at three in the afternoon to a place of good forage, about ſeven miles off. The next day (9th) they will be able, as I hope, to get at, or near the ground, a few miles in front of you, where

* See Page 47. J. S. 1784.

† This Letter is referred to Page 16, State of Fact, Part II. J. S. 1784.

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we encamped: you will therefore order a Battalion, and your Irregulars, to march the 9th in the morning, to meet them half way, and to relieve our party. The whole from that time is under your command and charge, and to proceed the next day, the 10th, to Chingleput, where the neceſſary orders are given to load and expedite the whole. A copy of the *General Orders* of this day will be ſent you from the Adjutant-General, which ſerves to aſcertain to what time the whole Army, and public and private followers, will be ſerved. Whatever rice remains on your ground afterwards, you will pleaſe order it in charge of the Grain-Keeper, to be ſerved to the reſt.

My preſent intention is, that your detachment return to us with the convoy, to march the 11th at night, if the Moon ſerves, or at two in the morning. We ſhall be *ill-fated* indeed if our ſhip does *not* appear by that time! however, you ſhall hear from me more than once before that day. This is only for the march of your half-way eſcort, to meet a convoy the 9th in the morning.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel PEARCE.

*Camp at Permacoil, Thurſday, May* 8, 1783.

THE carriage of the Army, as expreſſed in the G. O. of yeſterday, proceeds towards Chingleput. I wrote to you upon the ſubject yeſterday, and beg leave to refer to it. The Battalion of Sepoys from the Army will return here the 2d day, after being relieved by the Battalion from Madranticum to-morrow the 9th, half way on the march.

Captain Ralleſton and Lieutenant Brickmire go all the way, and are under your orders.—You will give ſuch eſcort in addition, to and from Chingleput,

Chingleput, as you ſee fit; with ſuch directions concerning the forage and care of the cattle, and expediting the whole buſineſs there, as may be neceſſary. *This, I hope, is the laſt convoy of the ſort which we ſhall need, before the ſhips are at anchor.*

You will join us in Camp with the detachment remaining at Madranticum, and the whole of the party and carriage loaded with whatever may be ſent from the Preſidency for the Army, and ready at Chingleput, acquainting me with the day you march from your preſent ground.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

P. S. Dooleys are ſent to bring away all the recovered men from Chingleput, who may be too weak to march all the way:—one Dooley to two may be enough in that way.

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* From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 8, 1783.

I HAVE had the honor of a note, in duplicate, from the Preſident, dated the 2d inſtant, acquainting of the Admiral having ſailed that day, and that the proviſion and ſtore ſhips might be expected to ſail as to-morrow, and *perhaps* the ſhip for Conjimeer ſooner.

*In this uncertainty, I immediately, at every riſk of our carriage cattle dying, reſolved to ſend a convoy to Chingleput for a farther ſupply:* it marched this night, with every care that I could poſſibly take concerning

* This Letter accompanied the Duplicate of my Letter to the Preſident, of May 5th, and is referred to Page 16, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

the forage, by fixing the ſpot where they are to halt. Colonel Pearce will return with this convoy to Camp, *and I ſhall think the public and myſelf very unfortunate indeed, if the Reſolution is not at Conjimeer by the time the convoy returns (meaning the 14th inſtant)!*

*The Army, meanwhile, is a dead maſs, applicable to its moving bodily; becauſe the public and private followers are alſo gone to fill up.*

☞ *This circumſtance will afford ſuperabundant proof of the difficulties attending the movements and operations of an Army ſuch as this, with ſuch ſcanty means of carriage*; and the ſmall quantity of rice which, from Mr. Tanner's * Report to me, has been thrown into Chingleput ſince I marched on the 21ſt (though I believe to the utmoſt of the Agent's power), will alſo evince the neceſſity there was, to uſe *all* the carriage of the Army, in throwing *all* the ſupplies in our power into that place, *previous* to marching on that day (the 21ſt ultimo).

The Preſident informs me alſo of your being pleaſed to ſhorten the dates of bills on the Court of Directors, in order to raiſe money for our uſe: I truſt a ſupply will be ſent us by the return of the preſent convoy

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* The following is a Copy of the Report here alluded to:

From Mr. TANNER (Paymaſter at Chingleput) to Major General STUART.

*Chingleput, May* 3, 1783.

*I have received Mr. Cloſe's Letter of the 3d inſtant reſpecting the rice to be ſerved out to the public and private followers. Colonel Pearce's Brigade has been already ſerved with eleven days. I ſhall ſend you the continuation of the rice account as ſoon as poſſible, and be as expeditious in iſſuing it to the followers who are come for it.*

*Mr. Roſs has ſent* one thouſand five hundred and forty-eight *Cooly Bags*, two hundred and forty *Cart Bags, and* thirty-nine *Bullock Bags, which* † *I am filling into Bullock Bags of Six Marcalls each, and find a great deficiency in the Coolyhead. I have ſent to Mr. Roſs to continue his ſupplies, and frequent.—Sir Edward Hughes's ſquadron paſſed Madras yeſterday.*

† The whole was litt'e more than for *two* days Rice to the fighting men, together with the public and private followers of the Army in the pay of the Company. J. S. 1784.

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(the 11th) from Chingleput. I have deſired my correſpondent at Madras to pay into the treaſury what remains of my arrears of pay, &c. due me.

I have intelligence from Alamparva, Conjimeer, and Pondicherry, that *twelve* ſail were ſeen from the former place paſſing the 6th, and *twenty* ſail from Pondicherry the 7th, and that the flag-ſtaff was crowded, every one being certain it was our Fleet.

I have ſent to Chingleput, to be forwarded to Madras, five French Deſerters, alſo two Sepoys, lately belonging to the 12th (Captain Hughes's Battalion); theſe laſt, though they brought their wives and families, I did not care to truſt here, and have ſent them to join their old Battalion.

The party lately at the Red-Hills returned the night of the 5th (when I ſent for cattle) imagining I was coming round them: they are now behind the river, *three miles from Villenore.*

The Deſerters agree, that there are *three thouſand* (3000) *effective Europeans*, beſides the ſick and the Sepoys, and that *M. de Buſſy* has had a return to his Letter from *M. de Suffrein*, " *That he will come to his re-*
" *lief at Cuddalore, though he ſhould fight his way through our Fleet.*"

*But Sir Edward Hughes will doubtleſs keep them in ſight, and cover our proviſion and ſtore ſhips*; however, no time ſhall be loſt in unloading them, and to put every thing on our part out of ſea-hazard.

I have ſent a note to the Town Major, with an *indent* for guns, &c. for Permacoil, which I beg may be ſent to Conjimeer in any ſeparate veſſel, while we are here to give aſſiſtance; but the Reſolution is not to be detained on that, or any account.

*I have not heard from the ſouthward theſe ten days.*

The report prevails among the Black people, That *Tippoo* is either ſick, or unfit for buſineſs.

A jewel of ſome value was ſent to *Monſ. Buſſy* from him a few days ago, in return for the French King's preſent.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel PEARCE.

*Camp, May* 9, 1783, *Half paſt Eleven, A. M.*

IN anſwer to yours of the 8th now received, I ſhall only obſerve, that after the carriage of the Army has joined you this day, every thing relative thereto, and alſo the march of the detachment, is to be under your command. I have wrote ſo, repeatedly to Mr. Tanner, and I believe it is ſo mentioned in one of my Letters to you. I leave it therefore to your judgment to manage, *ſo as the cattle may not ſuffer.* If the whole is here by the 14th, or even the 15th, it will be well.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Colonel PEARCE to Major General STUART.

*Madranticum, May* 9, 1783. *Eight P. M.*

YOUR Letter of the 8th reached me this day about ten o'clock, and was in fact the ſame as an anſwer to the one I wrote laſt night, as it gave me diſcretionary authority.

I have ordered the public and private followers, the Grain-keeper, and the Officer whom you ſent to take the *average*, to proceed to Chingleput at three to-morrow, under an eſcort, and the cattle, *which were quite exhauſted*, to halt.

I have

I have ordered the Grain-keeper to let me know by to-morrow evening, whether the public and private followers can be ſerved, and the average taken to-morrow: if it can, then the cattle will go off next morning; if it cannot, they will ſtay another day, becauſe we have good freſh forage, and plenty of water, and they have not at Chingleput.

As ſoon as I know the day they will be completed, and ſet off from Chingleput, I ſhall ſend an expreſs to you to let you know it; and intend, unleſs any thing ſhould make change neceſſary, to proceed the morning after they get back to join you: but our marches muſt either be two or three, *according as the cattle can bear it*, or as we can find forage; and they tell me there is nothing at Atcherywauke, and plenty between it and Permacoil.

Some more money came to me about noon to-day; it muſt ſtay now till we move, as I cannot ſpare eſcorts both ways.

(Signed) J. D. PEARCE, *Colonel.*

P. S. The convoy was not *in*, till near four o'clock; I mean the rear of it. Some came in, as uſual, before two.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 9, 1783.

THE preceding * is the copy of my laſt addreſs of yeſterday's date.

I have a few hours ago received a note from the Right Hon. the Preſident, of the 5th, with the particulars of the cargo of the *Reſolution*; and the ſignal from Captain Haliday for the *Active*.

In conſequence, I ſhall immediately ſend a ſmall party to *Conjimeer*, to cover the man who makes the ſignal agreed to be repeated on our

* See page 79.



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part, which will, I hope, give the means to convey my letter to the Captain of the *Active*, to inform of our ſituation (as deſcribed in the the preceding * Letter), and that it will be the 14th or 15th before I can take the proper poſition previous to unloading the ſhip, deſiring at the ſame time, if he is not too much crowded, that the Europeans may remain on board until then; I have alſo told him of the Admiral having paſſed Pondicherry the 7th. The winds have been ſoutherly theſe two days, ſo that I ſcarce expect to hear of the *Active* and *Reſolution* arriving before Monday or Tueſday next.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## † From Major General STUART to J. SULIVAN, Eſq. Reſident at Tanjore.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 10, 1783.

THE delay of our proviſion ſhips has detained me here until now. I expect them every hour; but as I proceed on *ſure grounds*, I think it will be the 18th or 19th before I get to our deſtination. *I have had no news from the Southward for theſe ten days, you may gueſs my impatience!*—Sir Edward and all his Fleet were abreaſt of Pondicherry the 7th;—the plot thickens—*the criſis is great*, and I have the fulleſt confidence of ſucceſs every where.—I hope for your aſſiſtance in *your* line, and you will find every return on my part, that either public or private feeling of gratitude can ſuggeſt.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

* *See Letter to S. C. page* 79. J. S. 1784.

† *This Letter was added to the Duplicate of my former to Mr. Sulivan, page* 76, *and both ſent under cover to Mr. Cochrane, with the Letter following. See page* 85. J. S. 1784.

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## * From Major-General STUART, to the Hon. BASIL COCHRANE † (acting) Reſident at Negapatam.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 10, 1783.

I EXPECT to take my ſtation at Cuddalore the 17th; many circumſtances, needleſs to mention, have retarded my progreſs;—my determination is to go on *ſure ground* however ſlowly.—I have *wrote repeatedly to Colonel Fullarton, or Officer commanding, to let them know my plan, and lately to Mr. J. Sulivan*;—*where is that Army?*—I have heard nothing theſe ten days from the Southward.—The propoſed immediate object is through the detached part of the Southern Army's co-operation, to begin with Chillumbrum, while I am at Cuddalore, and to drive *in*, all the cattle and grain from Hyder's Amildars, giving accountable receipts for *Peſhcuſh* or Revenue to the *Warrior-Pollam*, or other Pollygars who bring grain or proviſions to us;

* This Letter covered the preceding to Mr. Sulivan. J. S. 1784.

† This Gentleman (Mr. Cochrane) is, in the Company's Civil Service, a *ſenior Merchant* of ſeveral years ſtanding. He had in his charge, at this time and during the war, the diſtricts of *Negapatam*, *Nagore*, *Carical*, &c. and reſided generally at Negapatam: He was the next in ſeniority in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly diſtricts under Mr. J. Sulivan, the Company's Reſident at Tanjore. The Select Committee had wrote to Mr. Cochrane to provide (for the Army) boats and grain on the Coaſt, and in the Southern Countries, and I knew, *from his having for eight years conſtantly reſided there, that he had acquired great local knowledge*. I therefore correſponded with Mr. Cochrane upon important matters during the Campaign, and I generally ſent my Letters (as on the preſent occaſion) *open*, under his cover to Mr. Sulivan and Colonel Fullarton, and at other times to Colonel Lang and to the Admiral; moreover, I deſired Mr. Cochrane, at all times, to communicate to *them* whatever I *ſeparately* wrote to himſelf on the public ſervice, and *to give them every intelligence of my deſigns and movements*, requeſting *reciprocal* communication from him of every thing that paſſed to the Southward, by land or ſea, connected with the public ſervice; which duty, as appears by the Company's records, Mr. Cochrane moſt faithfully performed (in times of great perſonal danger and difficulty to himſelf), both to the *Government*, and to the Gentlemen I have mentioned, and to me, while I commanded the Army. J. S. 1784.

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us;—your assistance in the boat and grain-way, will be much wanted; and all sorts of supplies from Tranquebar for myself and the Officers;—I trust also to you for the *Cabinet* * *Intelligence.*

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* *This alludes to certain private lines of intelligence, which Mr. Cochrane in his correspondence calls* N° I. II. III. J. S. 1784.

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The following Papers were received some days before the date of this Letter; and as I found the narrative in the *outline* more genuine, and better related, than was generally the case with Black-writers of news, I have judged it deserving of notice in this Collection. J. S. 1784.

INTELLIGENCE communicated by Mr. Cochrane to the Select Committee of Fort St. George (with Duplicates to the Commander in Chief), being the translates of Letters in the Malabar language, received by him from *private* correspondents.

Translate of Intelligence---Seyd Sahib has received a Letter from *Seringapatam*; the following is extract:

From Seyd Sahib's Camp, Trivady, some Miles West of Cuddalore, April 13. } "*About 15 days ago, Tippoo Sahib was very much dispirited on receipt of a Letter from Shenevasserau, his Vackeel at Madras, and sent for Madaverau, the Mharatta Vackeel, who has been in the Camp for these three months past, made him a present of a Lack of Rupees, and dispatched him the 5th instant from Seringapatam, in conjunction with Amulabar-Cawn, with Letters to the Mharattas, and to Scindia Holckar, representing, "that three years ago, when the Mharattas were at war with the English, he, at their desire, invaded the Carnatick, had invited the French to his assistance, and expended large sums of money in executing the same; in the mean time, Hayat-Beg, who commanded at Bidenore, delivered up that Fort to the English, in consequence of which I returned to Seringapatam, in order to recover Bidenore; that he, (Tippoo) had declared war against the English, on purpose to please the Mharattas, by which means he had suffered a considerable loss; and as the Mharattas had made their own peace with the English, desired that they would bring on, one for him with them." On the 20th of March, Mr. Bussy wrote a Letter to the Mharattas to the following purport;*

"*In the time of* ——— ——— ——— *I concluded a treaty between you and the French nation, and the French King wishes to continue on the same friendly footing. On the arrival of M. Belcombe at Pondicherry, he dispatched M.* ——— *with Letters to the Mharattas from the French King, who presented them to you, and you agreed to deliver over to the French* four sea-ports *in your country; soon after Pondicherry was reduced by the English. I am now arrived with a force and stores, &c. sufficient to act against the English. You are the proprietors of the Chout due from the country under the Mogul, and good Sardars, and I depend on your friendship still subsisting with the French King. I have already sent a French Resident to wait*

"*upon*

Our Fleet paſſed Pondicherry the 7th, though at a diſtance.—My wants * will, I truſt, be ſupplied in a few days:—Meanwhile we have occupied

* *Meaning the Ship* Reſolution *with rice, wanted for immediate uſe at Conjimeer.* J. S. 1784.

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" *upon you, and requeſt you will perform your promiſe made to M.* ——— *for delivering over to* " *us* four ſea-ports *in which we ſhall hoiſt the French colours, and keep a ſtrong force to aſſiſt* " *you againſt your enemies. I have ſent M.* ——— *with other Gentlemen, about this matter,* " *and ſhall forward to you the Letters from the French King.*"

From Cuddalore, April 19. } " *Mr. Buſſy, on his arrival at Cuddalore, wrote a Letter to Tippoo* " *Sahib, requeſting him to return ſoon to the Carnatick. Tippoo Sahib ſent* " *for anſwer, that he would be with him within* 15 *or* 20 *days. Mr. Buſſy finding that Tippoo* " *Sahib was not returning, ſent a French Gentleman to him to requeſt his ſpeedy return. Tip-* " *poo Sahib told him, that Mr. Vernet, at the Nizam's Court, had, in conſequence of inſtruc-* " *tions from Mr. Buſſy, wrote Letters to* Moodagee Booſla, *and other Mharatta* Sardars, " *without acquainting him of it, and firſt obtaining his conſent. The French Agent communicated* " *the ſame to Mr. Buſſy, who wrote Tippoo Sahib the following Letter:*

" *In conſequence of a Letter* Hyder Ally Cawn *wrote to the French King, requeſting the aſ-* " *ſiſtance of a large body of French troops, the French King, judging that Hyder Ally Cawn* " *was a good Sardar, and had conquered many countries, diſpatched* Mr. Duchemin *with a* " *party of troops in advance, and then ſent me with a ſtrong force, &c. I arrived at the Mau-* " *ritius, with an intention of proceeding immediately to the coaſt; in the mean time I received or-* " *ders from France, to remain at the Mauritius until the arrival there of more troops. At this* " *time I wrote Letters to the Mharattas, requeſting them* not *to make peace with the Engliſh,* " *and ſent a meſſage to* Moodagee Booſla, *a friend of mine, telling him,* that I would ſail with " all my troops to Balaſore, *and requeſting him to aſſiſt me with a party of troops to cover my* " *landing, and in conjunction with him, would conquer all the forts belonging to the Engliſh.*" ——" *This is all I wrote to him. By the aſſiſtance of Heyder Ally Cawn, the French arrived* " *on this coaſt. It was my intention to take* Madras with his aſſiſtance, and afterwards con- " quer all the Bengal countries, *by which I ſhould have gained a great name, and rendered* " Hyder Ally Cawn *eſſential ſervice, who, if alive, would underſtand my reaſons for ſo acting;* " *as you ſhall alſo in a ſhort time.*

" *The reaſon for remaining ſo long at the Mauritius, was on account of the reinforcements I* " *expected; but on receiving repeated Letters from* Mr. Suffrein, *requeſting me to come without* " *loſs of time, I immediately ſailed, and arrived at Trincomalee, where having heard of your* " *being gone to your own country, I judged it proper to leave three-fourths of my forces and ſtores* " *there, and arrived at Cuddalore with the other fourth part.*

" *At any rate, if you will arrive ſoon, we ſhall be able to take* Madras *in* 15 *or* 20 *days, and* " *hoiſt the French colours in it; when you have ſeen* that, *you may then return to your own coun-* " *try; but if the buſineſs of Bidenore is very preſſing, you can leave your troops there, and come to* " *Cuddalore yourſelf to conſult on matters.* There is undoubtedly enough of French troops, *pro-*

" *vided*

occupied and made this place almoſt as ſtrong as ever. Pray write me frequently on my way *South*.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART, to the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY).

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 10, 1783.

THE preceding * is what I wrote to the Select Committee yeſterday; and I have now to offer, as my apology for mentioning the note of the 5th inſtant; *before* taking notice of it to you,—my extreme hurry and anxiety to have every thing ready *without delay*; for thus I hope to anſwer your expectation, and give you a better return for your exertions in ſupport of this *greateſt of all objects to our Country*, than by loſing one moment in matters of form: and I beg leave to offer this, once for all,

* See Page 83. J. S. 1784.

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" *vided Seyd Sahib with his party is put under my command, with not leſs than* 20 *or* 25,000 " *bullocks, with rice and proviſions delivered to me; I ſhall then proceed with Seyd Sahib's force* " *againſt Madras. If you cannot come yourſelf, I requeſt you will ſend orders, as mentioned* " *above.*"

" *To the above purport Mr. Buſſy wrote Tippoo Sahib, who ſent the following reply:*

" *In anſwer to your Letter, I have ordered Seyd Sahib to wait upon you on my part, and I am* " *to requeſt you will conſent to what he will propoſe to you.*"

" *Agreeable to Tippoo's orders, Seyd Sahib waited on Mr. Buſſy, who took that opportunity of* " *explaining to Seyd Sahib the Letter he wrote to Tippoo; told him, that he was referred to him* " *for an anſwer, which he requeſted to know. Seyd Sahib replied,* " Bidenore *is a matter of* " *great conſequence, and muſt be recovered.---Three years he waited for the French; Crores of* " *money were expended, and the enemy have taken poſſeſſion of his own countries; to recover which,* " *it will be neceſſary to ſend more French troops: to this purport I am ordered to ſpeak to you.*"

" *On which Mr. Buſſy was very angry, threw his hat on the ground, and told Seyd Sahib,* " *That* " *what he had ſaid, was no anſwer to the Letter he had wrote; that* 700 *French troops had* " *already been ſent; and added, I am ſurpriſed at your deſiring me to ſend more. I truſted to* " *your word, and came here, and you was marched away. Now your deſiring me to ſend more* " *troops, and thereby weaken my force, and bring the enemy upon me, has a ſtrange appearance.*"

*In ſaying this, he was very much afflicted, and deſired Seyd Sahib to write every thing that paſſed to Tippoo, and to do buſineſs in future properly: After which Seyd Sahib took leave of Mr. Buſſy and went to Trivady,* &c.

as my apology for paſt or future, being convinced you will admit of it, and that your heart and head will co-operate, to the utmoſt of the means in your power, to carry on this moſt importaut ſervice.—It will do you credit; and on my part I ſhall not fail, on every occaſion, public and private, to do your Lordſhip juſtice, both in the repreſentation, and in the uſe of the means you will thus afford me.

The party with the *Flag-ſtaff*, &c. went laſt night to Conjimeer; and as I had ordered one of them inſtantly to return when he ſaw the ſhips, I conclude they are *not yet at their ſtation*: My people will remain *three* days concealed in a ſmall Tope near the place. I had indeed mentioned to the Town Major to ſend an Invalid Havildar, who is alſo a Catamaran-man in the ſhip, and to come here with the Letters; and I ſuppoſe this will be the caſe, becauſe, even in our next poſition, no Flag with the Army can be ſeen *at ſea*.

The *twenty thouſand pagodas* were received a few days ago, and I concluded Mr. Welſh would mention it in courſe. I have had accounts of *ten thouſand* pagodas being at Chingleput, and to be ſent on to Colonel Pearce; but I muſt wait for the *twenty thouſand* by the Reſolution, before I can order even *one month*'s pay to the Black Troops; becauſe ſome ready caſh ought ever to be in the cheſt, both for *current pay* to the Company's *Europeans*, and for the expence of pioneers, working parties, &c. for the daily duty in the trenches.

Let me therefore earneſtly implore your ſending a *Lack*, inſtead of *fifty thouſand*, by the *Iſis*. I am ſincerely ſorry for the locking up of our caſh. I truſt whoever has it, will, for the public good, have it, *meanwhile coined*, ſo as to be immediately in circulation.

I have juſt received the diſpatches from the Select Committee, in date the 6th and 7th, and ſhall, at the firſt poſſible leiſure from public buſineſs (that will admit of *no* delay), anſwer *particularly* what is required; but I offer the ſame apology to *them* as to your Lordſhip, " That if the " buſineſs *in action* goes on, they will not take amiſs a little delay in the

" writing buſineſs;" for it often happens, and will happen, that I cannot give my attention to *both* at the ſame time.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

P. S. The 300 barrels of muſket ammunition ſaid to be in the *Reſolution*, muſt neceſſarily be ſent back in her to Madras, to come to us the next trip, as we have no means of land-carriage for it. I have ſome thoughts of taking two of the iron 18 pounders from the *Reſolution* to put into Permacoil; the other two may come with the ſhip next trip, but cannot be tranſported with us on truck carriages. J. S.

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## * From Major General STUART, to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 11, 1783.

IN the Letter which I had the honor to receive from you, dated the 7th of May, you are pleaſed to obſerve, " that I had not ſent the " copies of my Letters to Colonel Lang, nor any other correſpondence " which you had deſired me to communicate, and to tranſmit it with- " out delay; and hoping that in matters of this kind it will not be ne- " ceſſary again to remind me."

Upon this, and ſuppoſing it was my duty to ſend the copies of my correſpondence, I beg leave to refer to my laſt Letter, to ſhew the impoſſibility, *by myſelf or my confidential Secretary*, in matters of this ſort, to obey your orders ſo quickly as you give them:—I ſay, *ſuppoſing* it was my duty; becauſe I conceive, that if any *ſuſpicion* or doubt is entertained concerning the nature of my correſpondence, *as if contrary, or counteracting the reſolutions of the Board, of which I am a conſtituent member*, they might apply to *thoſe* with whom ſuch ſuppoſed correſpondence

* This Letter is referred to, p. 17. Part II. J. S. 1784.

might have been held, in order to found any ſuſpicion; and until ſuch proof is had, it might be preſumed, in candour, as well as in regard to *the ſtation which I have the honour to fill*, that my conduct and my correſpondence would be in conformity with the reſolutions of Government, whatever my own *private* opinion might be.

Such has been, and ever will be, my direct line; and on the preſent occaſion I cannot avoid repeating a paſſage in the Letter I had the honor to addreſs to you from the Camp, ſouth of the *Palar*, 28th of April, when I mentioned the reaſon why I did not *then* enter into any diſcuſſion concerning the ſouthern Army, or of the correſpondence, ſo as to ſelect it; yet I took occaſion *then* to aſſure you, and *now* repeat, "that, "in ſpite of ſuſpicion; my inclination, as well as my duty, will ever lead "me to obey the orders of Government."

I ſay *my inclination*, becauſe, from my rank and ſituation in life, I can ſcarce deſire any greater or more honourable ſtation than what I preſently enjoy; and from my knowledge of the world, with *the neceſſity of ſubordination to Government, and of leading example on my part*; my wiſh, my inclination, and my duty keep pace together, *however freely and frequently my ſeparate opinion in my place, as a member of Government, may differ from that of the majority.*

I now take occaſion to preſent to you, *of my own accord, the private* correſpondence, as well as what may be conſtrued *official*, with Colonel Lang, Colonel Fullarton, or Officer commanding; alſo with Mr. John Sulivan and with Mr. Cochrane, being all, that, to my knowledge, from a ſearch of two days among my papers, I can find the copies of; nor do I believe I ever wrote any thing of any conſequence concerning the co-operation of the ſouthern Army, but what is incloſed with the Liſt from No I. to VII.* being from March 18th to yeſterday.

I truſt

* *A very few days before* I was embarked *at Madras (in October* 1783*), I received a packet from the Southward, with* copies *of my correſpondence from April* 1783, *in which I obſerved a* Poſtſcript *that had been added to the Duplicate of my Letter (of April* $\frac{18}{20}$*) to* Colonel

 Lang,

I truſt therefore, my Lord, &c. that this exhibition will tend to remove all ſuſpicion concerning my harbouring the ſmalleſt idea of counteracting the plans of Government, and that in future you will be pleaſed to honor me with your fulleſt confidence in every reſpect; aſſuring you, that it ſhall be my ſtudy to continue to deſerve it.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

P. S. Colonel Campbell writes from Chingleput, *that the Active and Reſolution ſailed the 8th*; it blew freſh at north laſt night, and yet I have no accounts of their arrival at Conjimeer. I look for the convoy from Chingleput with Colonel Pearce to join us the 14th. If I find the cattle in *condition* for immediate work, I ſhall move the whole Army towards Killenore, with the left, about *eight* miles from Conjimeer, and ſhall loſe no time in landing the troops, and unloading the Reſolution, *ſo as ſhe may quickly return* to

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Lang, *dated April 24th, which Poſtſcript I had omitted to tranſcribe, or had miſlaid the* copy, *at the time of writing (the 11th May), to the Select Committee.*

*It appears, however, from the* collateral *correſpondence, that the contents of* this Poſtſcript, *and indeed of every Letter of mine, connected with my wiſhes or plans of ſouthern co-operation, were, either in* courſe of Tapal, or by Expreſs, *communicated through* Mr. Cochrane *to* Mr. Sulivan, *and to* Colonels Fullarton *and* Lang; *and both of theſe officers were deſired* by me, *to communicate to each other whatever I wrote to either; which I alſo deſired* Mr. Sulivan *to do to* Colonel Fullarton.

*The* Poſtſcript *above alluded to, was as follows: It was added to the* Duplicate of April 19th †, to Colonel Lang, *and ſent under cover to Mr.* Cochrane.

P. S. *Camp, South of Palar, April 24th,* 1783.

" The advance of the Army, with the heavy guns, is gone on. I remain here all to-
" morrow, purpoſely *to know the ſentiments of Sir Eyre Coote,* who, I believe, arrived this
" day at Madras: In all events, be aſſured, that what has been ſettled of the co-operation
" of your Army, is now more than ever determined. We hear you are gone to *Dindigul;*
" *this is better than any diverſion at Palicatchery; however, I hope and truſt you will have ſuc-*
" *ceeded in any attempt, and be near the Coleroon, on or before the 7th day of May.* Your firſt
" object, as formerly mentioned, is to ſecure all the Polligars in our intereſt, from whence
" ſupplies can come to *Mr. Buſſy*; and, by all means poſſible, to ſecure grain and cattle for
" us. What can I ſay more? Adieu. (Signed) J. S.

† *By this copy of my correſpondence, it would appear that the date of my Letter to Colonel Lang (marked April 18-20), page 11, was of April 19.* J. S. 1784.

*to us from Madras. We cannot at this criſis have too much rice to the ſouthward.*

I propoſe ſending orders to Major General Sir John Burgoyne to have his Majeſty's 23d Dragoons in *readineſs* to join us, ſo ſoon as the condition of their horſes will admit of it; and I hear *they are now within a fortnight's march* * *of the Preſidency*, and I truſt this meaſure will be agreeable to your Lordſhip, &c. They can at any time come to Permacoil, where I ſhall leave a ſufficient garriſon; and, from the Army, *in due time*, I ſhall ſend the proper eſcort. J. S.

[Encloſure referred to in the preceding Letter.]

☞ †LIST of Papers communicated to the Select Committee, relative to the co-operation of the Southern Army, and addreſſed by me to Colonel Lang, Colonel Fullarton, or Officer commanding; to Mr. John Sulivan the Reſident at Tanjore, and to the Hon. Mr. Baſil Cochrane,-and encloſed in ſeparate covers.

N° I. To Colonel Lang, March 26th (not official).
N° II. To Colonel Fullarton, March 28th (not official).
N° III. To Colonel Lang, March 31ſt (not official).
N° IV. To Colonel Lang, April 18th, not ſent till the 20th.
N° V. To Colonel Lang, April 28th.
N° VI. To Colonel Fullarton, or Officer commanding, April 28th, with addition of May 1ſt and 5th.
N° VII. To Mr. John Sulivan, May 5th, with P. S. 6th and 10th, and Letter to the Hon^ble^ Baſil Cochrane, 10th May.

The whole incloſed in M. General Stuart's Letter to the Select Committee, Fort St. George (May 11th), and there referred to J. S.

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* *The horſes to mount the 23d Dragoons, were then on their way from Bengal to the Northern Circars; they arrived at Madras only the June.* J. S. 1784.

☞ † *The preceding Papers (as above numbered P. 93.) are printed in this Collection; viz.*

*Letter N° I. Appendix (State of Facts) P. 3d.*
*N° II. do. do. P. 4th.*
*N° III. do. do. P. 6th.*
*N° IV. (in this correſpondence) P. 11th.*
*N° V. do. P. 51ſt.*
*N° VI. do. P. 52. Addition May 1ſt, P. 62d. Addition May 5th, do. P. 75th.*
*N° VII. do. P. 72. P. S. May 6th, P. 76th. Letter May 10th, do. P. 84th.*
*Letter to Mr. Cochrane, P. 85th.* J. S. 1784.

From

## From Colonel PEARCE, &c. to Major General STUART.

*Madrantiçum, May* 13, 1783. 8 *P. M.*

I SHALL march off at the firſt dawn of day to-morrow towards Atcherywauke, and there ſtop.

The next motion will be towards your camp; but whether you chooſe that we ſhould ſtop at the place where the cattle can get good fodder, to make amends for the ſcarcity which they tell me the bullocks will meet to-morrow, or quite to camp, is what I wiſh to know.

My ſole reaſon for aſking, is, that though your Letter leaves the direction of the march to me, yet it ſays, if I am with you by the 15th it will do.

Every body ſays there is great ſcarcity at Atcherywauke; if ſo, the bullocks will require a good feeding at the intermediate place: but then it will be the 16th before I can reach you, which exceeds the utmoſt limit by a day.

I therefore requeſt the honour of your orders on this head; *not a moment has been loſt yet; the exertions at Chingleput have exceeded expectation, and yet the convoy could not poſſibly have returned earlier than to-day.*

(Signed) J. D. PEARCE, Colonel.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel PEARCE.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp, May* 13, 1783.

I Received a few hours ago your note of yeſterday's date, with your expectation of being able to join us the 15th. I wiſh the cattle may come in good ſort; for if I hear of our ſhip arriving at her place of deſtination, I ſhall move the 16th. *The time paſſes quick, and its value increaſes daily.*

From

## * From Major General STUART, &c. to Lord MACARTNEY.

### (PRIVATE.)

*Camp, Permacoil, May* 13, 1783.

I HAD the honor yeſterday to receive your Letter of the 10th inſtant, and have not yet had a minute's leiſure to anſwer the *public* Letter on the ſubject there mentioned.

I ſay in a few words, my Lord, *that my ſentiments and my actions, while in the command of his Majeſty's troops, will be uniformly guided by what I believe to be his Majeſty's orders or intentions, and the cuſtom of that ſervice; until I know, through his Majeſty's Miniſter, or the War Office, that I have miſunderſtood them.*

In this ſenſe, I ſhall certainly expect the ſervices of the Staff Officers, whoſe ſtations were, by the late Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's troops, *put in general orders to the Army.* This I do, as matter of *detail*, and of right in my ſtation, as well as for conſiſtency: at the ſame

* This Letter, marked *Private*, is in anſwer to a Letter with the *ſame mark*, from Lord Macartney; but as the ſubject matter relates chiefly to the adminiſtration of his Majeſty's troops ſerving in the Carnatic under my command, where Lord Macartney and the Select Committee have *publicly* accuſed me of improper conduct, and have followed up their accuſations with the greateſt outrages perſonal to me, it is therefore that I have judged it proper to make *no* diſtinction with reſpect to *private Letters of this ſort*, eſpecially as I think, that in this way thoſe who may hereafter judge betwixt us, will be better enabled to do ſo, by the fulleſt communication of the *whole mutual correſpondence* at this period, which will be found in this collection, either with Lord Macartney and Select Committee, or with Lord Macartney *ſeparately*, as on the Company's Records.

It is for the ſame reaſon that I have thought it a duty to communicate whatever I wrote to Mr. B. Cochrane regarding my own plans and views *for the Public Service to the Southward*; and alſo whatever I knew certainly from him, as intelligence, or as conveying his own opinions, or the plans and views of others *(in that reſpect)*, with whom I was in correſpondence at this moſt important criſis in India; and as contained in the Original Letters in my poſſeſſion. J. S. 1784.

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time, it ſhall be *my* ſtudy to avoid any claſhing of the Offices; *and I know how to do it.*

It is impoſſible for me to be better provided than I am at preſent, with Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm, and Lieutenant Colonel Davies, as the Adjutant General and Quarter Maſter General *to this Army*, and I never entertained a thought of making any alteration in reſpect to *their* ſituation; *and no Adjutant or Quarter Maſter General can interfere and officiate in their ſtations, but by my orders.*

*If the Government decline paying the King's Officers, whom the late Commander in Chief gave out in general orders, as the Adjutant General and* * *Quarter Maſter General to his Majeſty's troops in India*, I cannot help it; but I ſuppoſe their caſe muſt be ſo repreſented, as that if the appointments are approved of, they will be paid from the balance ſuppoſed in overplus due to the Crown by the Company, in terms of the laſt agreement; and if diſapproved of, the whole of courſe falls to the ground.

It is on this plan that Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart will join me; and I ſhall obſerve what your Lordſhip mentions, when the opening offers to *break* the buſineſs to Lieutenant Colonel Davies; but I believe he has not an idea of reſigning. At the ſame time excuſe me if I obſerve, *that neither your Lordſhip's opinion nor mine, can alter or remove the diſtinction that remains betwixt his Majeſty's and the Company's troops, both as to their ſituation, and to their mode of management;* but it is *my* buſineſs, and I am anſwerable for it, "that the ſervice be carried on as it now "is, with harmony and good humour, notwithſtanding of ſuch diſtinc-"tions." I repeat, my Lord, that neither of our private opinions, nor that of any Government in India, can make alteration in that reſpect, *without the poſitive order of his Majeſty, ſignified officially*; and mean while, I can take on me to aſſure you, that the public ſervice ſhall not ſuffer.

* This alludes to Lieut. Colonel Cathcart the Quarter-Maſter-General, and to Major (now Lieut. Colonel) Grattan, the Adjutant General to his Majeſty's troops ſerving in India. J. S. 1784.

Before

Before I left the Preſidency, I deſired my friend Thomſon * to join the Army, and I expect him by ſea.

And now, before I ſend (off) this *(Private)* Letter, will your Lordſhip allow me to lie under an obligation to you, by attending to the contents of my Letter wrote ten days ago, concerning the demands made upon me for the rice remaining at Pallicatte, and commiſſioned by me in October and November laſt. It is a very ſerious matter with me, even to delay the buſineſs; however, I may be certain of loſing nothing ultimately by reference to Bengal, and to Sir Eyre Coote's Letters (after communicating what I had done to the Governor General).

I ſay, my Lord, you will oblige me, by removing the chance of lawſuit, in taking (on account of Company) the grain that remains with Captain Smith at Pallicatte, ordered at my riſk, as repreſented in my Letter to the Select Committee, ſouth of Palar †, 24th April.

I am ſtill liable after that for the twenty pagodas the garce above the Company's price.—It is the only thing of mine unſettled. I got into the ſcrape from *public motives*, and from perhaps too much warmth of temper.—*I never had a private concern or profit of any ſort, on what is called trade or buſineſs—I never had an advantage from perquiſite or what is called Bazar, in any ſtation*; and ſurely your Lordſhip would not think it right that I ſhould ſuffer from this grain buſineſs being delayed.—It is a buſineſs which I truſt to your favour to ſettle, ſo as no demands may affect *my brother and heir univerſal, Andrew Stuart, in whoſe name I alſo make the requeſt.*

(Signed) JAMs. STUART.

* This alludes to Captain Thomſon of his Majeſty's 98th Regiment, who ſerved during the Campaign. J. S. 1784.

† See page 27. J. S. 1784.

From Major General STUART to T. TROUBRIDGE, Esq; Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Active*, off Conjimeer.

*Camp at Permacoil, May 9th, 1783, at Night.*

I RECEIVED the President's Letter of the 5th, only a few hours ago, and I now dispatch this to inform you, "That in the *uncertainty* of an immediate "supply of rice, &c. by sea, I had sent *all the carriage of the Army* yesterday "towards Chingleput, with the public followers and Officers servants, so as "in fact to put it *out of my power* to take up the ground I intended near *Con-* "*jimeer* until the 15th at soonest. I must therefore request, that the *Euro-* "*peans* and every thing may remain on board till then, unless you think the "ship where they are, too much crowded; otherways they will be better for "that time on board.

"Be so good to let me hear from you by the bearer, and to know *what* "*means* of boats you have to land your *valuable* cargo.

(Signed) JAM. STUART.

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From T. TROUBRIDGE, Esq; Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Active*, to Major General STUART, &c.

*Active, at Conjimeer, May 13, 1783.*

I HAVE the pleasure to inform you of the arrival of his Majesty's ship Active and the Resolution transport, with troops, rice, &c. after a tedious passage of six days, owing to bad winds, strong currents, and having Massula boats to tow, *one* of which fell to pieces the second day after leaving Madras, so that we have only *five* left. But I will give every assistance with the ships boats in my power.

I have dispatches from the Governor and Council for you, but do not think them safe to send by the Havildar, till I hear from you.

I am, &c.

(Signed) T. TROUBRIDGE.

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From

From T. TROUBRIDGE to Major General STUART.

*Active, at Conjimeer, May* 14, 1783.

I RECEIVED your Letter of the 9th inſtant early this morning, requeſting the Europeans, rice, &c. may remain on board until you come to Conjimeer, which ſhall be done. I wrote to you laſt night, immediately on the ſhip's arrival, by a Havildar from Major Sydenham; but I did not ſend your diſpatches till this morning, thinking it not ſafe, as I had not then heard from the ſhore.

We have only *five* Maſſula boats; but I will give every aſſiſtance in my power with the ſhip's boats, by which I think, from being ſo near the ſhore, we ſhall make quick diſpatch.

I ſaw the Admiral yeſterday morning, 20 leagues S. E. of this place. *The currents are ſo ſtrong he cannot get to the ſouthward.*

The Harkarah has with this, four more Packets for Camp.

(Signed) T. TROUBRIDGE.

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From Captain COLE of his Majeſty's 101ſt Regiment, to Major General STUART.

*On board the* Active, *May* 14, 1783.

(SERVICE.)

*LAST night* the Active and Reſolution came to anchor at Conjimeer, with about ſeventy of the 78th and 101ſt Regiments on board the Active, and near one hundred Artillery on board the Reſolution, particular returns of which I ſhall ſend you this day.—The men all in perfect health.

(Signed) H. St. S. COLE, Captain, 101ſt.

☞ * From Major General STUART to Captain TROUBRIDGE.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 14, 1783.

I RECEIVED your note this morning, and am truly happy that you are at anchor with the Reſolution. You will alſo have received my Letter ſent by the party that has been waiting near the beach theſe four days with the ſignal. After its being once anſwered from the land, I deſired the flag to be taken down, and to keep *ſnug*, until I can ſend a force to cover the landing, and that I can move with the Army after the convoy and followers join us. Theſe I look for, in the courſe of this day and to-morrow, and the Army will march the 16th, with the left, 7 miles from Conjimeer. But I ſhall ſend a force to the beach on a different road that day, with a Letter to you.

So ſoon as the landing is covered, I could wiſh you will pleaſe to order the troops and money to be *firſt* put on ſhore, with the tents and baggage. The packets for me, or other papers of conſequence, may be kept on board, until the party comes to protect the landing. *I dread much the length of time it will require to land the rice with ſo few boats, but with your exertions I hope to get over every difficulty.*

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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☞ * *I think it proper here to obſerve, why in this collection I am thus under the neceſſity to go through ſuch a circumſtantial detail of correſpondence on every ſubject; and* now *more particularly concerning the landing of the rice from the ſhip* Reſolution, *which anchored on the* night *of the* 13*th at Conjimeer, and could not* begin *to unload until the* 18*th of May:— It is, becauſe, in the paper, given by me* (while at Madras) *to the Records of the Eaſt India Company in October* 1783, *intitled,* State of Facts and Proofs, *&c. in vindication of my conduct* in the field, *pointedly attacked by Lord Macartney and Select Committee in their various Letters and Minutes of Conſultation, for what* they *call "wilful delay, procraſtination, counteraction," &c. I could at the time give* only the heads *of that correſpondence, which I refer to and* now preſent at large in this collection, to clear me of every imputation;—*and as to the rice ſhip,* I here *ſhew particularly that nothing was wanting on my part to expedite the unloading.— I beg further to refer to the* Remarks *accompanying the Abſtract State of the Army, May* 18, *(fronting* P. *) to ſhew the reaſons why (in the ſituation of things at that time)* Conjimeer *was fixed upon to land the rice for immediate uſe, preferably to any other place, whether* nearer *to,* at, *or* beyond Pondicherry.

J. S. 1784.

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 14, 1783.

I AM happy to inform you, that the Active and Resolution are at anchor off Conjimeer. The accounts reached me this morning about six. I have wrote to Captain Troubridge all that was necessary for him to know.

I expect Colonel Pearce to arrive to-morrow, and propose to march the first line, if not the whole Army, on the 16th. I shall on the same day, and by a different route, send a force sufficient to cover the landing. The public followers in the pay of the Company, from whom I expect the greatest assistance in landing, and transporting the rice from the boats, *not being yet joined, it becomes impossible for me to begin that business sooner than the* 16*th.*

One of the Massulah boats has stove to pieces on the passage, so there remains but *five*, and I fear it will be a tedious job. The eight battalion companies of the 4th battalion, with Lieutenant Dawes to command, are left to garrison the Hill and Pettah of Permacoil. The two grenadier companies, with the battalion guns, proceed with the Army. I shall leave instructions on every point with Lieutenant Dawes; and I have desired him to communicate with *Government*, likewise with *Chingleput* and *Vellore*.

An hospital is left in the Pettah, and I am happy to inform your Lordship, &c. that the sickness among the *Europeans* has much abated.

In expectation of the money with Colonel Pearce, and on board the *Resolution*, I have this day given orders for the Black troops to begin to be paid one month of the six due them, *as they were in real distress for want of the means to purchase curry stuff necessary for their health.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

* This Letter is referred to Page 17, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 14, 1783, *P. M.*

THE preceding is the copy of what I had the honour of writing to your Lordſhip, *&c.* this morning. I have ſince, had an anſwer to my firſt letters (9th inſtant) from Capt. Troubridge, who underſtands the whole of our ſituation, and will act conformably thereto. He mentions having ſeen the Admiral (the 13th) only twenty leagues ſouth eaſt, ſtruggling againſt winds and currents.

The troops on board the Active and Reſolution are all well. Every diſpatch will be uſed in the debarkation, and I have found the means to carry on the muſket ammunition; but, as to the iron eighteen pounders, they will go back in the *Reſolution*, and I ſhall order them to be landed next trip.

A regiment of horſe, and two battalions of Sepoys, under Captain Muirhead, takes the ſhort road to Conjimeer, at the ſame time that the army marches the 16th, and remains there to cover the debarkation.

(Signed) JAM$^{S}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Permacoil, May* 15, 1783.

THE whole army is now together, and the orders are out for the march to-morrow morning, as mentioned in a former addreſs; at the ſame time, I ſhall detach Captain Muirhead with his battalion, and one regiment of horſe, directly towards Conjimeer, and to take

* This Letter is referred to page 17, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

charge

charge of the debarkation there. I have alſo wrote to Captain Troubridge to land the Europeans, with the money and the ammunition *firſt*.

The carriage cattle, and ſome part of the troops, this day arrived from Chingleput, *are ſo much fatigued*, that I have ordered them to halt one day, and to join the 17th, or later, if it becomes neceſſary. Mr. Welſh informs me, that *twenty thouſand* pagodas are come with this convoy; and Mr. Kenworthy, that a drove of ſlaughter-cattle, are alſo come. I take occaſion to return your Lordſhip, &c. my beſt thanks for theſe ſeaſonable marks of attention to our wants.

Two deſerters came in from the enemy this morning, one a ſerjeant, the other a Swiſs, belonging to *les-volontaires etrangers*, and to the advanced party behind Villenore; there is alſo a deſerter from his Majeſty's 16th Hanoverians. I have ſent them to Permacoil, and to be forwarded from thence to Chingleput, and to the Preſidency. I ſhall keep no deſerters with this army, and I beg to renew my advice, *not* to entertain them in the Company's ſervice at the Preſidency.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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* Inſtructions from the Commander in Chief, to Captain MUIRHEAD, in the Command and Superintendance of the Debarkation at Conjimeer.

*May* 15, 1783.

YOU will proceed with your own battalion, and one regiment of cavalry on the 16th, early in the morning, and Captain Pringle will furniſh you guides to march directly to Conjimeer. After recon-

* This is referred to, page 16, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

noitring the landing place, and for ſome diſtance near it, you will mark out a proper ground for encampment of the *corps* now with you, and for the officers, and recovered men, to be landed from the Active, and about one hundred artillery men from the Reſolution. You will fix upon the proper out-poſts for the guards of cavalry and Sepoys, *with the view of preventing any ſurprize, to interrupt the debarkation on the part of the French, from the Red Hills, or Villenore*, and to keep up communication with our army, the left of which will be within ſeven miles of you. There is a Havildar's guard, with ſome Laſcars, already at Conjimeer; and they have a flag-ſtaff and flag, the immediate uſe of which is, for hoiſting as a ſignal for a boat from Captain Troubridge of the Active; and you are to correſpond with him on every thing connected with the debarkation. You will acquaint Captain Troubridge of my wiſh to have the money, the troops with their tents and baggage, and the muſket ammunition, *firſt* landed, and then the rice and grain *with as much expedition as poſſible*. There are only five Maſſulah boats; but the Captain ſays, he will aſſiſt with his own boats as near the ſurf as poſſible, and you will furniſh working parties who will be paid for landing the rice. You will apply to Capt. Hearſay for tents and tarpaulins in caſe of rain. Mr. Kenworthy will ſend with you, cattle for proviſions, and arrack for the Europeans, who will remain encamped with you, until after you receive my anſwer to your report of their being landed. You will ſend Sepoys as *harkarahs* towards Pondicherry, and every where in the Jungle, both for cattle and intelligence.

*It being of the utmoſt importance to expedite the unloading of the Reſolution, you will loſe no time, and employ your own battalion as working parties, who are to be paid for it.*

There is a man ſent to ſuperintend the Maſſulah boat-men; you will find him out, to acquaint him, that you have my orders to give the Maſſulah men whatever rice they need upon his receipt, and that you will

will puniſh any man under you who offers any violence to that uſeful ſet of people.

The army will move towards Killenore *on the ſame day that you do*, and you will correſpond with me on every buſineſs neceſſary.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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*From Lieutenant CLOSE, (Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief), to Captain Muirhead, commanding the Debarkation at Conjimeer.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 16, 1783, *late at night.*

I AM deſired by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that he has received your note, and that the Quarter Maſter General, with a ſufficient eſcort, will proceed to Conjimeer to-morrow, and return to Camp in the evening, if the diſtance is not great, eſcorting all the Europeans with the Camp equipage and baggage landed, and likewiſe the money; *our cattle is ſo fatigued*, that the General means to give them ſome reſt before they are ſent for the ammunition, or for rice; and he wiſhes to hear from you how you are ſituated for forage and water, and when a beginning will be made to land the rice.—There is a conſtant patrole of horſe, &c. night and day, going from the left of the line, above two-thirds of the way—they return and relieve themſelves.

Two invalid Havildars, who are alſo cattamaran-men, come from Madras in the Reſolution, in order to remain with you, to be employed in carrying meſſages on board, and from the veſſels, as occaſion may require. They go from hence to-morrow morning with the party, and a tumbril will be ſent at the ſame time to convey the money (20,000 pagodas) ordered from on board the *Reſolution*.—What ſums you find neceſſary to pay your Sepoys employed as Harkarahs, will be duly made good to you.

(Signed) B. CLOSE, Aid de Camp.

* This letter is referred to page 16, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

## From Major General STUART to J. SULIVAN, Eſq; Reſident at Tanjore.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 16, 1783.

I HAVE had the honor to receive your note, dated Carical, 10th of May, alſo copies of the intercepted intelligence, which I have forwarded to the Select Committee. They are of conſequence; and I hope my nephew, Mr. Cochrane, will ſucceed in getting it conveyed on board the Admiral, who was, on the 13th, only abreaſt of Cuddalore, or 20 leagues ſouth-eaſt of Conjimeer.

Our immediate wants will be ſupplied from thence. The *Active* and *Reſolution* anchored the 14th; and I moved the whole Army to this ground this morning. *Part at leaſt of our grand ſtock*, will, in ſhips, fail from Madras, as this day; and I gueſs it will be the 24th *before they are at their deſtination*; (the number of boats to land here, are five;) I think it will be *nearly that time*, when I get to my ſtation. *Nothing will prevent my advancing;—but it ſhall be on the ſureſt grounds.*

I obſerve what you ſay on the ſubject of the Polygars of Arryalore and Warrior-pollam. You have great merit for ſecuring their attachment, by the pledges at Tanjore. You will have received my letter on that ſubject; and indeed all the letters, *for theſe two months*, are filled with the neceſſity of the meaſure, foreſeeing the event that has happened. You may depend on my word, to aſſure theſe people of every protection this Army can afford.

If, *what is ſcarce poſſible*, the Iſis and other ſhips anchor between Porto Novo and Cuddalore, before the 24th inſtant, I wiſh you or Cochrane may find a way to ſend intelligence of our ſituation to Captain Haliday, or officer commanding, and that we remain here until the

rice,

rice, &c. is landed from the *Reſolution*; alſo that he will hear from me, daily, afterwards, through you. The ſecurity of boats, and means of landing rice and ſtores will be a very great object; and the putting them under the protection of the Commodore, who will pleaſe keep ſouth of Cuddalore, until he hears from me particularly.

I have not time to write to my nephew by this occaſion: I trnſt to your communicating all that is neceſſary to him. I congratulate you on the ſurrender of Dindigul. *I ſhall be hourly looking for our Army coming towards me from the ſouth.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 16, 1783.

IN the forenoon I rceeived a packet from my nephew Mr. Cochrane, with his ſeparate (familiar) letter * to me, incloſing papers of ſome conſequence, from *Monſ. de Buſſy*, found in a boat as deſcribed by Mr.

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* I have thought proper, more particularly from this period of my correſpondence *with the Select Committee of Fort St. George*, to bring forward the ſeparate correſpondence and intelligence *in any way relative to the public ſervice*, in communication with, or received through, Mr. Baſil Cochrane, the Company's acting reſident at Negapatam, as may be ſeen in the following Extracts. J. S. 1784.

EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen, Stuart, Negapatam, May 2. (received May 11.)

" *Yeſterday afternoon your Letter of April* 15*th* " *came to hand; on the* 28*th ult. Mr. Sulivan* " *arrived here: I proceed with him to Carical* " *this afternoon.*

" *Mr. S. and I had a long converſation, in conſequence of the receipt of your Letter.*"

Mr. Cochrane. I ſend the whole * to you; and I doubt not of your being of the ſame opinion with me, that both he and the officer (Enſign Clarke) have had great merit in coming at this intelligence. The French language has been badly copied, but the ſenſe is clear; and I am happy to know from Mr. Sulivan, *that he will find a way to ſend the communication to the Admiral.*

We came to our ground here only this morning; but not a ſingle bag of rice *could keep pace with us*, as Captain Hearſey informed me: I therefore left the cattle at Permacoil, till they had reſted. The covering party marched to Conjimeer this morning; and, by the poſition of our

* See this intercepted intelligence in the Correſpondence with Vice Admiral Edward Hughes, from p. 11 to 13. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane, Carical, May 7, to M. Gen. Stuart, (received May 16.)

"*In my Letter of the 2d inſtant, duplicate already ſent you, you are informed, that Mr. Sulivan will ſupply you with cattle* for ſlaughter, *by means of the Warrior-pollam Polygars, and that no grain could be ſent from this country.---Mr. S. thinks the arrival of the fleet on this coaſt ſecures to your Army a certain ſupply of grain from Madras, and that you ought not to truſt to ſupplies from the South, on account of the preſent ſcarcity and great diſtreſs of the inhabitants; at the ſame time Colonel Martinz will be wrote to, to encourage the inhabitants to bring paddy, rice, and proviſions to Cuddalore. In ſhort, you may be aſſured that every thing that is poſſible will be done, at the ſame time I think the people will be afraid of the French and Dutch cruizers.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Carical, May 7. (received May 16, 1783.)

"*Captain Gibbons writes Mr. Sulivan, that on the 29th April Colonel Long was encamped before* Dindigul, "*and that the light infantry battalion was marched to join C. Lang.---Mr. S. ſays,* "*That by the inſtant, he ſuppoſes* Dindigul *will be in our poſſeſſion; by that time he (C. Lang) will have received the Letter recalling him from the command, and C. Fullarton, he is certain, will immediately proceed againſt* Pallicatcherry, "*which he (Mr. S.) ſays will give the command of all the other coaſt; and this day he has received a Letter from Mr. Freeman, chief at Tellicherry, preſſing it ſtrongly, arguing,* "*that by C. Lang's taking that place, it will convince the people on that coaſt, that we are in force to attack Tippoo from different quarters, and that they will of courſe join us, and aſſiſt in conquering other countries; but in our preſent weak ſtate on that part of the coaſt, they muſt aſſiſt Tippoo Sahib.*"——*This Letter is gone to the Select Committee; copy of which will, I ſuppoſe, be ſent you.*"

(*Mr.*

our line here, and patroles in communication, nothing can affect the landing of the rice, &c. at Conjimeer.

Your packet of the 13th has juſt been received; and I believe your Lordſhip, &c. will find, that I have anſwered, by *anticipation* on moſt, if not all the points.

If you are pleaſed to withdraw certain powers from me, regarding the Southern Army as *there* thrown out, you are the maſters ſurely to do ſo on any ſuppoſition you pleaſe; but I ſhall not eaſily perſuade myſelf, *if ſuch powers were judged originally fit and proper for the executive public ſervice, that you will withdraw them on a ſuppoſition of my withholding*

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*(Mr. S. ſays)* "*That there would ſoon be an opportunity of two battalions of ſepoys marching* "*from the Tanjore Country to join the Southern Army, and that there might not be ſuch another* "*ſafe conveyance for ſome time to come.*

"*Accounts are juſt now arrived from Tanjore of the horſe being all about there. Mr. S.* "*therefore proceeds after dinner to Tranquebar, and I intend going to Negapatam,*" &c. &c.

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence of May 10. from Mr. B. Cochrane, (received by M. G. Stuart, May 16.)

"*A French Letter from Bidenore, dated the 13th* * "*April, ſays, That General Matthews had attacked Tippoo* "*Sahib, and killed a number of Europeans of Lalle's troops,* "*together with the commanding officer Mr. Renald; that he was afterwards obliged to retreat* "*into Bidenore with* 3000 *ſepoys and* 700 *Europeans, and is now cloſe beſieged, and it is* "*expected he will ſurrender,*" &c.---"*You muſt know if this is true; what is certain is, that* "*ſuch a Letter exiſts.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Colonel Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Dindigul, May 4. (received by M. G. Stuart, May 16.)

"*I had the pleaſure of yours of the 14th and 15th* "*of April; I have now the pleaſure to inform you* "*that this day we took poſſeſſion of* Dindigul.—*I* "*incloſe to you a Letter for General Stuart, which you will be pleaſed to* open, *and forward* "*the contents.*

"*We have an awkward ſtory here, that* Tippoo *has beat Matthews, and retaken Bidenore;* "*pray is it really ſo?—write me what you know of it. Col. Lang means to give the com-* "*mand here to Captain M'Leod.*"

* This Letter is, by miſtake, here ſaid to be of 13th April.—It is in my poſſeſſion, dated the 15th of April, and is from *M. Coſſigny*, who commanded the French battalion (L'Iſle de France) ſerving with Tippoo, addreſſed to *M. Buſſy*, and gives a very circumſtantial account of paſſing without oppoſition the *Ghauts* and Barriers leading to *the town of Bidenore*, and of his having then got quite cloſe to the *Fort of Hydernagur*. J. S. 1784.

*holding my correſpondence.* Indeed, it never was my idea: you muſt now be convinced of it, and that I have but one object in view, and without a bias to the contrary—*It is the public ſervice upon practical grounds.*

I have a ſeparate letter from Colonel Fullarton (not official) acquainting me of the ſurrender of Dindigul the 4th inſtant, of which I give you joy; and alſo *that he had received and communicated to Colonel Lang my letter * to him (C. Fullarton) of the 28-29th March, whereof I lately ſent you a copy;* but I have not a word from Colonel Lang on any ſubject theſe twelve days or more.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

P. S. I obſerve what your Lordſhip, &c. ſay, of diſcontinuing ſending rice in quantities into Chingleput, and the reaſon; but I beg leave to urge the continuing to ſend rice thither. *In a war ſuch as this, and indeed in all war, we ſhould ever look to ſave every chance of diſappointment either by land or ſea.*

* See this Letter in the Appendix to State of Facts, p. 4. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Eyles Irwine in the Company's Civil Service, ſuperintending the Collection of Revenues in the Tinivelly and Madura countries, *(under Lord Macartney and Committee of aſſigned Revenue,)* to Colonel Lang commanding the Southern forces, dated Tinivelly, May 4. (received May .)

" *Permit me to congratulate you on your arrival* " *at Dindigul, and on the proſpect that opens to* " *your arms to diſpoſſeſs the enemy of* their only " remaining hold on this ſide, and to reſtore " the Southern countries to ſubjection and tran- " quillity.—*A ſketch of your intended operations* " *was communicated to me ſome time ago by Mr.* " *Sulivan; agreeable thereto I underſtand that you have ordered the light infantry from Madura* " *to join you; though this will put a ſtop to the collections, and perhaps throw the garriſons of* " *Madura on this province for ſubſiſtence, the importance of your views muſt ſuperſede all* " *meaner conſiderations.*

" With the force we have here, the collections remain uninterrupted, and the Polygars " are deterred from plundering the Circar villages; *but to a detachment from your Army we* " *muſt truſt for the Peſhcuſh.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan, to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tranquebar, May 11, 1783. (received by M. G. Stuart, May 16.)

" *I have written a line to Gen. Stuart,* " *and ſent copies to the Admiral, of M.* " *Buſſy's Letters; thoſe to the Preſidency* " *will go to-morrow.*"

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I received the copy of your letter to Captain Haliday, and copy of the Preſident's to Mr. de Buſſy, which I ſhall forward at a proper ſeaſon. J. S.

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From Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid de Camp), to Captain Muirhead.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 17, 1783.

I AM deſired by the General to acquaint you, that he has ordered a party of Bengal Laſcars, and a party of Tent Laſcars, to march from camp, at two this afternoon, with an eſcort of two companies of Sepoys, who are to return to camp with Lieut. Colonel Davis to-morrow: the Laſcars to remain with you, as a working party;—and you will pleaſe keep an account of the pay due as ſuch, for the whole of the people under your command. Captain Hearſey will be at Conjimeer, himſelf, to-morrow, and will concert with you every thing relative to his department.

*The time is now precious beyond meaſure: therefore, if you can work by moonlight, and proper reliefs, the General deſires it be done.*

There being a conſiderable difference betwixt the Bengal ſhip-bags, and what is called bullock-bags of ſix markalls, the General wiſhes you to take the trouble to order an *average* * of each boat-load, taking the largeſt and the ſmalleſt bags, in preſence of one of Captain Hearſey's people, ſo that from thence the *medium* of the contents be known. You will pleaſe alſo to order Captain Jourdan to ſend patroles of two horſemen at a time every hour, day and night, half way towards the left of our camp. There are patroles in like manner half way towards you. In this way to keep up the communication. The General likewiſe deſires you will keep an account of all extra charge or diſburſements attending your preſent command.

(Signed) B. CLOSE, Aid de Camp.

* With the view of remedying, to the utmoſt of my power, the abuſes in delivering the *Company*'s rice at different ſtages, to the troops, as well as to aſcertain the real quantity I had to depend upon, there was a *ſtanding general order* for a quarter-maſter from the line to take the *average* in preſence of the Company's D. Agent, and the Army grain-keeper, and report the ſame to me. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 18, 1783.—*Sent at* 3 *P. M.*

THE preceding is the copy of my laſt letter. Since which I have ſent the proper eſcort to Conjimeer; and the artillery and recovered Europeans have joined. Mr. Welſh has alſo received the 20,000 Pagodas.

The utmoſt power of ſending bags aſhore does not exceed 1200 daily; ſo that our working-parties to bring it from the beach to a place of ſecurity, is proportioned thereto. From the cargo of the ſhip, your Lordſhip, &c. will therefore ſee the time it will require to land the whole.

I am alſo obliged to ſend the cattle this day to Permacoil, to bring up what we left there of rice; and, on our next move, I ſhall, in like manner, neceſſarily leave the larger part with the proper guard, in the pagoda of Killenore, which I have ordered to be made a poſt of. In this manner I ſhall proceed, whatever may be the *reports* of the preſent diſtreſs of the French at Cuddalore, or the *expectation* of ſupplies of rice from the ſouth of Cuddalore.

I have ſent the intercepted intelligence to Captain Troubridge, to be forwarded to the Admiral, who is cruizing abreaſt of Cuddalore; and I doubt not of Mr. Sulivan ſending the Admiral alſo the earlieſt notice of every thing from Carical. I have a letter from Mr. Sulivan, dated the 10th, in anſwer to one I wrote him the 6th.

Seyd Sahib has returned with the whole of his force from following the Southern Army, and is encamped, ſince yeſterday, cloſe to the North boundary of Cuddalore: a part is at Trivady-Panaroutty; and

* This Letter is referred to, page 18, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

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# ABSTRACT STATE of the preſent Strength of
## STUART, Commander in Chief. *Camp*

| European Non-commiſſioned Rank and File. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Duty. | Cavalry - - | 22 | | Horſes. | | Cavalr |
| | | | 22 | 34 | | |
| | Bengal Artillery - | 137 | | | | Bengal |
| | Coaſt ditto - - | 368 | | | | Coaſt |
| | | | 505 | | | |
| | King's Infantry - | 1187 | | | | Bengal |
| | Company's ditto - | 191 | | | | Coaſt |
| | | | 1378 | | | |
| | | | | | | Benga |
| | | | | | | Coaſt |
| | | | | | | Pioneo |
| | Total | | 1905 | 34 | | |
| Sick preſent. | | | | Horſes. | | |
| | Cavalry - - | | | 4 | | Cavalr |
| | Bengal Artillery - | 11 | | | | |
| | Coaſt ditto - | 31 | | | | Benga |
| | | | 42 | | | Coaſt |
| | King's Infantry - | 104 | | | | |
| | Company's ditto - | 18 | | | | Benga |
| | | | 122 | | | Coaſt |
| | | | | | | Benga |
| | | | | | | Coaſt |
| | | | | | | Pione |
| | Total | | 164 | 4 | | |
| | Grand Total | | 2069 | 38 | | |

N. B. The men from the corps of Infantry, doing duty with the Artillery, inclu
The above State is taken from the Returns of the 8th inſtant, with the exce
ce ived from that corps.
The following * detail joined the 18th inſtant from on board the Active and
and not included above.

* King's Infantry
Bengal Artillery

## REMAR

FROM the preceding *grand total* of native troops, 400 ſhould be deducted as being (if I rightly remember) the number for the eight companies of the 4th Carnatic battalion which were taken from the Army to garriſon the Fort and Pettah of Permacoil, and poſt at Killanore;—the remainder*, viz. Europeans 2225—and Natives 10875, of all ſorts, did form *the total ſtrength of the main Army under my command, May 18th* 1783.—I beg leave to refer to the Note (☞* page 23.) to ſhew that the ſtrength in numbers of French regular European troops at Cuddalore were greatly above one-third *more* than the *total Europeans* in our Army at the time; and from all my intelligence, the Natives *there* in French pay with the Caffry's, and Topaſſes from the Dutch, were in number two-thirds *leſs* than thoſe in our Army.—The whole of *Tippoo*'s force in horſe and Sepoys left in the Carnatic under *Seyd Saib*, had at this time been drawn off from our Southern Army, and from the diſtricts of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, and were *then* aſſembled at Trivadi, or within the bounds of Cuddalore.—Their numbers in *horſe* were never ſtated at leſs than 5000; but whatever or wherever they were, there was no poſſibility of ever bringing them to *cloſe fight*, and yet the enemy were in poſſeſſion of all the forts and cultivated countries to the Weſt of Cuddalore, and they anſwered every purpoſe of eſcorting proviſions to the French, and of preventing our ſupplies or intercourſe with the country, excepting when covered by conſiderable eſcorts which our ſmall numbers would not allow of repeating often.

The French at Cuddalore had hourly communication with *Pondicherry*, where (as is natural to ſuppoſe) there was every diſpoſition to debauch our people, and to give the earlieſt intelligence to the enemy of our deſigns or movements.—The French might at any time, *by the coaſt road*, march any number of troops *on a ſudden* to Pondicherry, and even to the ſkirts of our camp; and it was abſolutely out of my power to detach *our Europeans* at any ſuch diſtance from the Army to prevent it.

It was for this reaſon that I fixed upon *Conjimeer* as the moſt proper place to land the rice from the ſhip, *for our immediate uſe*, in preference to *Pondicherry*, or any where elſe *nearer to Cuddalore, until I knew the fate of Commodore Haliday and the Grand Convoy* with reinforcements, proviſions, and ſtores, which left Madras Roads *only the 14th of May*,

h of the Army commanded by Major General
*Camp* (near *Permacoil*), *May* 8, 1783.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Natives, including Black Officers. | | | |
| Cavalry - - - | 785 | 785 | Horſes. 663 |
| Bengal native Artillery - - | 89 | | |
| Coaſt ditto - - - | 295 | 384 | |
| Bengal Laſcars attached to the Artillery | 868 | | |
| Coaſt ditto, ditto - - - | 615 | 1483 | |
| Bengal Infantry - - | 2374 | | |
| Coaſt ditto - - - | 5628 | 8002 | |
| Pioneers - - - | 269 | 269 | |
| Total | | 10,923 | 663 |
| | | | Horſes. |
| Cavalry - - - | 64 | 64 | 95 |
| Bengal native Artillery - - | 3 | | |
| Coaſt ditto - - - | 14 | 17 | |
| Bengal Laſcars attached to the Artillery - | 62 | | |
| Coaſt ditto, ditto - - | 15 | 77 | |
| Bengal Infantry - - - | 72 | | |
| Coaſt ditto - - - | 109 | 181 | |
| Pioneers - - - | 13 | 13 | |
| Total | | 352 | 95 |
| Grand Total | | 11,275 | 758 |

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h the exception of the 101ſt taken from the Return of the 1ſt April, the laſt re-

ctive and Reſolution,

(Signed) HENRY MALCOLM,
Adjutant General.

fantry - 69
rtillery - 87

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ment of that force directly towards that river, *even without a poſitive order*, would have moſt probably taken place *ſhortly after the fall of Dindigul* (*May 4th*), but *particularly after receiving, at that place, the official copy* (dated April 21) of the powers given *me* by Government to call upon that force to co-operate with the main Army for the important object at Cuddalore; more eſpecially as it muſt have been known, that the ſeaſon was *then* faſt approaching *when the Coleroon becomes impaſſable*, and that there was *no* reaſon at the time to delay that movement towards me, on account of any intervening enemy, *and much leſs for reinforcements*, becauſe, in my own mind, I never had, neither did I ever convey to the *officer commanding*, the ſmalleſt idea or intention (on account of any co-operation with me) *to add any thing to the ſtrength of the Southern force which I knew to be in the field at that time* (*May 4th*) *under Colonel Lang*.

Situated *then* as I was; in the high and moſt reſponſible ſtation of *the Commander in Chief*; and ſuppoſing me to have any regard for my country, *or for the Eaſt India Company*, or for my own reputation in every point of view; conſidering the *criſis*, and the great ſtake then played for, ſo immediately depending upon the ſteady operations of the *main Army* under my command; and how much the whole politics in India might be affected, *even by the appearance of a return towards the Preſidency* (after we had once taken up our ultimate ground ſouth of Cuddalore) owing to the want of neceſſary ſupplies, or from any other cauſe whatever; and knowing, as I did, the ſtrength of the enemy, and the ſtrength of the ground which we had to march over *in their view*; and with the *ſecret in myſelf* of our ultimate intended poſition; I did not think I could poſſibly be juſtified on any principle whatever, and much leſs upon ſuch intercepted intelligence; to move the Army from the ground at Killanore; *until there was next to a moral certainty, that the Iſis, with the reinforcement of* 800 *Europeans, and with the means of ſubſiſting the Army, and with our ſtores and train, ſufficient for the enterprize, had arrived at their fixed ultimate deſtination*.

The argument which I ſhall here end with, and which is indeed of itſelf concluſive *for the propriety of ſuch conduct*, and that I was *not* to move the main Army towards Cuddalore at the time of receiving the copy of M. Buſſy's Letter, or indeed at any

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Embarraſſed as we were with a long line of march—obliged conſtantly to keep in ſight of our *whole* ſubſiſtence, and with the proſpect of having, for a great part of the march to our ultimate encampment, *the largeſt body of French Regulars ever known in India, aſſembled in one place*, within a few gun-ſhot on the one hand; and the whole of *Tippoo*'s auxiliaries on the other ſide towards the country;—thus circumſtanced, as I knew we muſt be, *after leaving the high grounds near Pondicherry*; I aſk, what military man, or indeed what man poſſeſſed of any degree of intelligence, could have entertained the idea of departing from any deliberate or previouſly concerted plan, on account of his *knowing* the contents of the intercepted Letter from *M. Buſſy*, received by me the 17th of May, preſſing the ſpeedy return of *M. Suffrein*, and (as may be ſuppoſed) *exaggerating* his wants of rice and ſhot, in order to quicken the French Admiral's movements towards him?

There is not, perhaps (for the ſame extent any where), ground more impracticable or difficult for an Army to march over *in the vicinity of an enemy*, than what lays towards Cuddalore, after the firſt march from the Red Hills, owing to its being interſected with rivers, deep ſands, and hollow ways; but to ſpeak here only of the circuit of what is called the Bound Hedge of Cuddalore, from the *Panar* River to the Beach, two miles *South* of Cuddalore; it forms an extent of ſeveral miles, and is interſected by the *Panar*, *Godalam* and *Tripopalore* rivers; and a paſſage was *at all times open* to the enemy to and from Cuddalore by the Beach on the *North*;—the foreknowledge of ſuch circumſtances was a principal reaſon to induce me, from the beginning, to make the co-operation of the Southern Forces, and the powers of commanding it, *an eſſential requiſite* in my plan for the campaign, and it conſequently led me to preſs the *junction* at the proper time as I advanced to the Southward; and from the very early and repeatedly continued communication of my plans and views (ſo far back as in March) to the *officers* both the *firſt* and *ſecond* in the command of the forces South of the Coleroon river, diſpatched generally by different ways in Triplicate, I had every reaſon to imagine that a move-

* The preceding Return, including the Europeans, joined from on board the Active as above ſtated, co

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J. S. 1784.

☞ *I have thought proper, in this place, to make the preceding Remarks, although in ſome parts they anticipate the events to be ſeen in the correſpondence that follows; but the idea moſt forcibly ſtruck me upon the reflection that naturally occurred, on comparing the ſtrength of the* Europeans *in our Army at this preciſe period (May 18th), with that of the enemy; and the obloquy and abuſe which has been heaped upon me by Lord Macartney and Select Committee of Fort St. George, for what they are pleaſed to call, in their correſpondence* at the time, *"wilful counteraction of their orders, and intentional delay on my part;"—a miſrepreſentation not only to the greateſt degree hazarded at the time of their writing, but moſt unnaccountably continued by them in paragraphs of letters to the Court of Directors of the Eaſt India Company* long ſubſequent *to that period; and when, by a review of dates and circumſtances, every candid man muſt clearly ſee the wanton injuſtice of ſuch miſrepreſentation.*

JAMS. STUART.

ve ſtated, correſponds with the ſtrength of the Army, May 18, 1783. J. S. 1784.

another part hovering about us here. There was a kind of Looty ſkirmiſh yeſterday, between them and our irregular horſe. We brought in a man and horſe. The man is ſent, with two French deſerters, to be forwarded to Permacoil and the Preſidency.

Mr. Sulivan will doubtleſs have informed your Lordſhip, &c. that Brigadier General Mathews is recalled by the government of Bombay; and that Colonel Macleod, the ſenior officer in his Majeſty's ſervice *on that coaſt*, has ſucceeded to the command of the army. Whatever may be my attachment to Colonel Macleod, from perſonal friendſhip and acquaintance; yet I moſt ſincerely regret the occaſion that may have given riſe to the removal of an officer *to whom the Public has been ſo much indebted, at the moſt critical period of the preſent war.*

I tranſmit the copy of the *general orders* conſequent of the Select Committee's letter to me, concerning the reduction of the Bengal ſtaff. The few days delay aroſe from the attention I thought due to Colonel Pearce, who had not joined the army until yeſterday.

I forward, in a ſeparate packet, papers of intelligence, from N° 1 to 4, juſt received from the Hon. Mr. Cochrane: * the contents are of importance for us to know at this time. In a ſeparate letter, Mr. Cochrane informs, that he has got intelligence of another boat with diſpatches from M. Buſſy being at anchor; and he has taken meaſures to get poſſeſſion of her.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

* See No. 2 and 3 from p. 11 to 13, in the Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes. J. S. 1784.

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 19, 1783.

I HAVE this morning a report from the beach, that the whole quantity landed in two days was 2260 bags and 300 barrels of ammunition; and that it will be the 23d before the whole can be landed, by means of the *five* boats. I have brought up from *Permacoil*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart; Negapatam, May 12. (Received May 19.)

"*I mentioned to Mr. Sulivan at the same time, that knowing Colonel Lang had omitted sending him the necessary intelligence, I had taken upon me to send, for his perusal, your two Letters (April* 19 *and* 24 *to Colonel Lang), which I did from the best of motives;—for that it appeared to me, from what he (Mr. S.) told me on the* 1*st instant, of his having received a Letter from Madras, dated the* 22*d April, mentioning the recall of Colonel Lang from the Southern Army, which was to be left in charge of Colonel Fullarton, who was to augment it to* 8000 *men, and proceed into the Mysore Country; that either his Correspondent was misinformed, or that the Government had been sending contradictory orders.*"

*The Tapal from Tanjore is arrived, and brings me a Duplicate Letter of the* 4*th instant, from Colonel Fullarton, with the Proceedings of the Council of War, which I send you without loss of time.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tranquebar, May 13, 1783. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 19.)

"*The death of Sir Eyre Coote fixes him (General Stuart) in the Chief Command: This circumstance, and the great reinforcement of Europeans lately arrived, will, I hope, lead him to think that the relief of General Mathews's Army (now commanded by Colonel M'Leod) is an object worth attention; particularly as our main Army must be in force to overpower the French, even though Seyd Sahib had two-fold the numbers he can collect. General Stuart's Letter to Colonel Lang is dated the* 24*th. I have received a Letter from the Committee, of the* 23*d, directed to Colonel Fullarton, commanding the troops to the southward, in his absence to Colonel Forbes. I mention this to shew you that General Stuart had not heard, or had forgotten the change of men. It will be a lamentable thing for the Public, if Cuddalore is not in our possession before the Southern Army could possibly have went from Dindigul to that place, a distance of* 200 *miles; particularly as* Palliacatcherry *or* Coimbatore *are within one half of that distance to Dindigul, and as we may be confident, that the acting of Colonel Fullarton will enable him*

"*to*

*coil* all the rice that I propoſe to take from thence; and have left, on the top of the hill, nearly four days rice for the fighting men of this Army. To-morrow I have ordered a general forage of the Army, for the ſake of our cattle; *the graſs being entirely burnt up*, we muſt go all lengths to get ſtraw. I am happy to find by Captain Sydenham's letter to Captain Moorhouſe, that there are near 1000* carriage-bullocks arrived from the northward. They may be ſafely eſcorted to Permacoil,

* Theſe bullocks never arrived at the Army while I commanded in the field. J. S. 1784.

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" *to poſſeſs himſelf of both places in little more time than it would take him to reach Cuddalore.*
" I have no objection to your communicating this Letter to General Stuart."

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From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sullivan; Negapatam, May 14. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 19.)

" *Laſt night I was favoured with your Letter*
" *dated yeſterday morning, eleven o'clock, and I re-*
" *turn you many thanks for the trouble you have*
" *taken in giving me your ideas of what ought to be immediately done, and General Stuart muſt*
" *undoubtedly be of the ſame opinion, when he hears the real ſtate of matters to the ſouthward—*
" *at the ſame time it is proper that he ſhould have every information, in order that his conduct*
" *may be thereby regulated; for by his laſt Letter he expects Colonel Lang would be able to*
" *bring over the Warrior-pollam and other Pollygars, and engage them to bring proviſions and*
" *ſlaughter cattle for the uſe of the* main Army.—*Now, if the Southern Army is to be rein-*
" *forced from the Tanjore country, there perhaps may not be troops enough to ſpare from the*
" *garriſon to proceed to Warrior-pollam for the purpoſe of protecting and encouraging them to*
" *ſend the neceſſary ſupplies to Camp. In this caſe General Stuart ſhould be informed of it,*
" *that he may ſend a detachment from the grand Army in time.*

" *When at Carical, you adviſed me to write to him upon this, but it is now more neceſſary, as*
" *I ſuppoſe poſitive orders have been ſent to Colonel Fullarton, regarding the number of forces he*
" *is at liberty to draw from the different garriſons, in order to enable him to make head in*
" *Tippoo's country. Colonel Lang being recalled is now paſt a doubt; for Enſign Clerke*
" *has juſt now received a Letter from Mr. Ryan,* dated Camp, near Dindigul, the 11th inſtant,
" *wherein he mentions "that Colonel Fullarton commands, and that Colonel Lang is ordered to join*
" *the grand Army."*

" *I have reaſon to think General Stuart has received very few Letters either from Colonels*
" *Lang or Fullarton, regarding the ſituation of matters to the ſouthward—conſequently his inform-*
" *ation muſt be confined; and I doubt not, when he knows how matters really ſtand, he will with*
" *great chearfulneſs grant the ſouthern Army every ſupport that lays in his power,* ſo ſoon as
" Cuddalore is in our poſſeſſion.

coil, where I ſhall ſend for them: the additional military ſtores for that place muſt be delayed to another opportunity. Yeſterday a German, who is of the corps of Huſſars, mounted and accoutred, came in to us: I made him a preſent of his horſe to ſell, and have delivered him over to Major Varennius, to be kept in confinement; and ſhall endeavour, through him, to bring over more of them, ſame way. All my accounts confirm, that Seyd Sahib (whatever may be his force) has received final orders to collect it near to Cuddalore.

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" *General Stuart's object all along ſeems to have been the cruſhing the French power in India,* " *and, agreeable to Sir Eyre's plan,* keeping a force in the Carnatic ſufficient for that pur- " poſe; *and Mr. Buſſy himſelf ſays,* " that after Cuddalore falls, the Engliſh will ſoon be " maſters of Seringapatam;" *and he judges right; for while we are maſters of the ſea, no re-* " *inforcements can be ſent to Tippoo Sahib, whoſe Army muſt be daily decreaſing, now ſince we* " *have ſettled matters with the Mahrattas, and he has ſo many enemies to cope with.*

" *I do not know what power Gen. Stuart is inveſted with now, ſince he has the chief com-* " *mand, but allowing it to be the ſame as that of Sir Eyre Coote, and as it would appear the* " *neceſſary information has been with-held from him; I ſhall with great pleaſure communicate to* " *General Stuart whatever hints you may be ſo kind to ſend me from time to time.—In the mean* " *time, you will infinitely oblige General Stuart by writing to the Tinivelly country for grain to be* " *ſent from thence to Cuddalore for the uſe of the Army. The rice from Madras will then be* " *ſaved,* and the Army will be able to proceed the ſooner into Tippoo's Country after the " fall of Cuddalore."

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. B. Cochrane, May 13, 1783, to M. Gen. Stuart. (Received May 19.) } " *I have already informed you of the contents of* " *thoſe Letters which Mr. Buſſy ſent to the Mah-* " *rattas by French gentlemen.—I have now to inform you, that they were taken priſoners at* " *Adony by the ſon of Bazalet-Jung, and that there were other Letters diſpatched to them (the* " *Mahrattas) with* Mr. Gally *on the 9th inſtant by the way of Cudapah.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan, Tranquebar, May 15, to Mr. B. Cochrane, at Negapatam. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 19.) } " *I have a Letter from General Stuart* " *of the 5th, from Permacoil. The fleet* " *was off Sadras the 3d, joined by the* " *Hound ſloop from Admiral Parker, who was hourly expected.*"

INTELLI-

I have no accounts *official* from the Southern Army, either from Colonel Lang or Colonel Fullarton. *Your Lordſhip, &c. know, from my decided opinion, in my place, as well as from my correſpondence tranſmitted to you, what are my ideas and plans of co-operation*; and I beg leave to know what has been wrote by your order ſince the 18th of April, that I may be maſter of this important ſubject: allow me only to warn your Lordſhip, &c. *that in the courſe of next month the Coleroon will be down, and the difficulty perhaps of a junction or co-operation unſurmountable.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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INTELLIGENCE received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 19.

"Camp, near Dindigul, 11th May, 1783.

"*Colonel Fullarton commands—Colonel Lang is ordered to join the Grand Army.*"

"Tranquebar, May 14, 1783.

"*Here is a Letter from Mr. Coſſigny, commanding the French troops in Tippoo's camp, mentioning that Bidenore was carried by ſtorm, and General Mathews, with his Army in the Fort, ready to ſurrender: The French loſt ſix officers, and Lallé one. The Letter is dated April* 13."

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tranquebar, 14th May 1783. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 19.)

"*I have appriſed General Stuart, by ſea and land, of the reſources in Warrior-Pollam. Cuddalore muſt fall, before the boats from Tondy come round. Nothing but money could procure the grain: Money is not to be had* there; *I will, however, write to Martinz.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tranquebar, 15th May 1783. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 19.)

"*I have ſettled every thing here: Send me the names of boats and tindals, that they may be inſerted. I will repreſent your exertions to the Committee*, &c."

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane, Negapatam, May 15, 1783, to M. Gen. Stuart. (Received May 19.)

*The following is Extract of a Letter from an Officer in* Colonel Fullarton's Camp at Dindigul, May 12, received by me this morning (*May* 15).

"*I am juſt now favoured with yours of the 8th, incloſing the Extracts of the General's Letter: As he is now (from Sir Eyre's death) all in all, I hope to God, Cuddalore may ſoon be his!—all our operations muſt, in a great meaſure, be guided by that event.*"

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 19, 1783.

" YOUR packets of May 12th and 15th, and other papers, have come safe
" to me by Conjimeer, where the Active and the Resolution are at anchor.
" Every possible boat for landing grain and guns should be in readiness, and
" you may, in my name, assure all the grain merchants, that they may sell
" *freely* at 200 Pagodas, or as much as they can get for it."

" The Admiral is not many leagues off; we hear his signal guns.—I have
" sent your intercepted intelligence to him.—*Our grain supplies under convoy*
☞ " *of the Isis sailed the* 14*th*.—Continue to send me every intelligence external
" and internal of the enemy's motions and designs, both by Cattamaran and
" Land—the former will be secure.—I approve much of your scheme to get
" grain to us by *neutral passes*; but you ought to be certain that they will
" not give you the slip and get to Cuddalore."

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## From Captain HEARSEY (Army Grain-Keeper) to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp.)

### EXTRACT.

*Conjimeer, Nine o'Clock, May* 19, 1783.

" BE so kind as to inform the Commander in Chief, that I arrived at
" Conjimeer with the detachment a little before eleven o'clock last
" night. The landing of the rice and gram has been carried on with great
" dispatch, owing to the regularity established by Captain Muirhead.—The
" bill of lading sent to me by Mr. Ross, * mentions 6468 bags of rice sent in
" the *Resolution*. A deputy from him (Mr. Baillie) delivers the rice on his
" part, and says he received positive orders to weigh it all—only one pair of
" *stilyards* for the purpose.—The service requires dispatch—taking the
" average I should imagine full sufficient, and I am determined, as far as it
" is in my power, that the service shall never suffer by delay.

" N. B. The detachment with the gram-folks will return to Camp
" early to-morrow morning."

* Note of the lading on board the ship Resolution on account of the Army.

3500 Bags of Rice, shipped at Bengal, weigh 7000 bags Madras.
2968 Ditto, from different ships—weight uncertain.
☞ 1210 *Bags of Horse Gram*, ditto.

Total 7678 Bags.

7th May 1783. (Signed) W. ROSS, Agent.

From

From Captain HEARSEY to Lieutenant P. CAMPBELL (Aid-de-camp).

EXTRACT.

*Conjimeer, May* 20, 1783. *Nine P. M.*

"I AM favoured with yours of this day; you will be ſo kind as to inform "the Commander in Chief, that 3672 bags of rice have been landed— "remaining to be landed 2796; and that cannot poſſibly be landed before "the 25th, as the *five* boats muſt carry off ballaſt every trip they make to "the ſhip for rice, as the Captain will not load them to the riſk of loſing his "ſhip.—Every poſſible aſſiſtance has been given by Captain Troubridge— "his *tars* work like horſes in landing the rice."

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, Two P. M. May* 20, 1783.

THE preceding * is the copy of my laſt Letter. This morning the carriage belonging to the cavalry returned from the beach, after completing (horſe) *gram* to the 7th of next month; the Field Officers and Staff of the Army the ſame. I have prepared matters ſo as, on the 22d, to be able to have every thing *then* landed, tranſported to Camp. I have ſeen the poſt at Killenore; it will be ready to receive the rice which we *cannot* carry with us on the firſt move. Lieutenant Dawes, commanding at Permacoil, has drove in from the enemy's villages a good ſtock of ſlaughter cattle; ſo that, with what Captain Patterſon writes to me is on the way, of cattle and ſheep from Vellore, I think we ſhall need no more of that ſort from the Preſidency.

I am extremely ſorry to find, by the incloſed † authentic extract, that Tippoo's adverſity has not led him to relax in his ill-treatment of our unfortunate countrymen, his priſoners at Bengalore.

* See page 114. J. S. 1784.

† This refers to intelligence from Bengalore of the *increaſed* barbarity towards our countrymen, priſoners there at the time of Tippoo's *laſt* paſſing that way to the Weſtward.

J. S. 1784.

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The patrole of horſe, which I have ordered to relieve every three hours, in the communication from the left of our line towards Conjimeer, have been very ſucceſsful in picking up the enemy's horſe;—yeſterday they took *two* men and horſes, and this day *five* horſes and *two* men, and killed *two* men and *one* horſe.—I have a note from Lieutenant-colonel Edmonſtone, commanding the foraging eſcort, who ſays they will return, fully loaded, to Camp before ſun-ſet.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

*Conjimeer, May* 21, 1783. *Six P. M.*

WILL you be ſo good as acquaint the General, that matters do not go on to-day by any means ſo well as before; the ſurf is exceedingly high, ſo much ſo, that one of our boats was daſhed all to pieces and moſt of the rice loſt, and we are now obliged to ſend ballaſt on board the Reſolution, as the rice is taken out; which will, I think, at leaſt take up a third of the time; but it is impoſſible to do otherwiſe, as the Captain ſays, that unleſs ballaſt is ſent, it will be out of his power, on account of the ſafety of his ſhip, to land more rice: in this the Captain of the Active agrees, who, I aſſure you, has done every thing in his power to forward this ſervice. The whole landed laſt night was 3665 bags of rice, 1248 bags of gram, and 300 barrels ammunition; and I do not think that there will be above 500 bags to-day. What is landed, Captain Hearſey is making every exertion to get ready to forward to camp. By what I have mentioned of the quantity on ſhore laſt night, and what will be landed to-day, the General will be a judge how much longer it will take for the whole.—I am of opinion, not under *four* days.

I have had ſeveral people in, from towards Cuddalore, but no intelligence of conſequence. About twenty Looty horſe came within about four miles of us yeſterday.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

From

## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May 21, 1783.*

THE preceding * is the duplicate of what I wrote yesterday. The foraging party returned as ordered, with plenty of straw for the cattle, taken from two villages about seven miles to the right of our line. The principal people have been with me to-day, with their thanks for the good treatment they met with—nothing was plundered; as far the officers had money, it went to purchase gram from the poor people. I desired the *Aumil*, who attends the Army on *your* part, to send proper people to inspect the state of things, and assure the inhabited country of protection if they remain in their villages, and to encourage them to bring, what they have to sell, to Camp. I imagine, that so soon as we have made another move, to embrace more of the country betwixt us and Cuddalore, they will open their hoards, and bring grain of all sorts to the *free market* of this Army.

The post at Killenore is finished; it will hold all the rice that we *cannot* carry with us at the next move. Two companies of grenadiers will be left in it until we can send for the rice; I shall afterwards order Lieutenant Dawes to send thirty sepoys from Permacoil to remain there, both as a post in communication, and as an encouragement to the inhabitants to re-settle.

I transmit to your Lordship, *&c.* the Extract of Captain Hearsey's Letter of yesterday's date, to shew how things are at Conjimeer. I am vexed at the delay, but see no remedy, and therefore suppose it will be the 25th before I can make the next move. One of my people, last from Cuddalore, saw fourteen of our ships cruizing off that place.

* See Page 119.

*Captain Troubridge is of opinion, if the winds continue, as for this four or five days paſt, it will require ſixteen or eighteen days for the Iſis and her valuable convoy (on which ſo much depends), getting to their deſtination; if ſo, I ſhall have the ſtart of them.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to J. SULLIVAN, Eſq.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 22, 1783.

MANY unexpected accidents in unloading the ſhip at Conjimeer, have occaſioned our ſtay here, and by this day's accounts the whole will not be on ſhore before the 25th. I march the inſtant it comes here. *The Captain of the Active thinks it will be the* 28*th or* 29*th, before the Iſis and her valuable convoy are at their deſtination; if ſo, we ſhall keep time nearly; they ſailed the* 14*th*, and I wiſh you to find ſome way to ſend on board the Iſis, to let Captain Haliday know: His ſignal is a yellow flag at the fore-top-gallant-maſt head, to be anſwered by me (at the proper place, after we take up our ground), by a union-flag and pendant over it, on a flag-ſtaff in ſome conſpicuous ſtation; but as nothing can be landed until we come to our ground, therefore ſuch ſignal will not be made. But in order to keep Capt. Haliday's mind eaſy, you will pleaſe to acquaint him that I ſhall obſerve my part of the ſignal.

He will judge of his beſt anchorage betwixt Porto Novo and Cuddalore, about half-way, until he hears further from me; and you will pleaſe inform me, in various directions, the moment the Iſis comes in ſight.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Lieutenant CLOSE to Captain HEARSEY.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 22, 1783.

I AM desired by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, That the distressed state of the ship (Resolution), with the necessary delay in unloading, *gives the General the utmost uneasiness, considering the value of time.*

By stationing the battalion half way to Conjimeer, and our patroles continually on the road, he thinks the followers may at all hours return, so soon as you have served them; and this, he hopes, will be in the course of this day; and that you will write at what time you wish to have the whole from the beach. He desires great care to be taken of the *gram.*

If Captain Troubridge has any accounts of the Isis, with her convoy, having passed to the Southward, the General begs to be informed of it.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

### EXTRACT.

*Conjimeer, May* 22, 1783. *Ten P. M.*

I Deferred replying to your Letter, of date the 22d A. M. expecting to have heard from Captain Troubridge; but the boat, after attempting for upwards of three hours, could not make the ship, and was obliged to return. The General may judge from this how difficult it is to land the rice: but, that the General may be convinced we do every thing on our part, I shall send him the Captain's answer to-morrow, to my request of knowing the cause of so little rice now being landed daily to what there was; though it is perfectly plain to me that it is entirely owing to being obliged to carry ballast on board the Resolution, and the very high surf, likewise having lost one of our boats.

I have acquainted Captain Hearsey what you desired. He has, I believe, explained the reasons for the difference between the invoice of loading from Madras to the General, and the account sent from this.

## From Captain TROUBRIDGE to Captain MUIRHEAD.

*Active, off Conjimeer, May* 23, 1783.

YOUR Letter of the 22d I have juſt received, acquainting me with the General's anxiety for having the rice, &c. landed, and your deſire to know the reaſon the progreſs is ſo ſlow, to explain it to him.—There are too few Maſſulah boats; and what are, are frequently rendered unſerviceable by the heavy ſurf, that they muſt be hauled up, and repaired. Another circumſtance is, the Reſolution cannot proceed to ſea without ballaſt, therefore muſt take it in, as ſhe diſcharges the rice, which greatly retards the boats; but the General may reſt aſſured I ſhall uſe every exertion in my power to expedite the ſervice.

(Signed) T. TROUBRIDGE.

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## From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-Camp).

### EXTRACT.

*Conjimeer, May* 23, 1783. *Seven o'clock evening.*

I WROTE you twice this forenoon, both which I hope you have received. Be ſo good as inform the General, that we have landed 750 bags of rice to-day, which is a great deal, conſidering every thing. I am in great hopes, by the 26th, in the evening, we will have every thing clear from this; but it entirely depends on the weather.

Captain Troubridge acquainted me, this forenoon, that he had juſt taken a canoe, from Trincomalee, with Laſcars, that had run away from the French: ſhe had left it ſix days. *The French fleet of* 15 *ſail of the line, was then expected to ſail immediately for Cuddalore.* They were much in want of water, not being able to get more on board than their daily conſumption.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

P. S. I have had ſeveral people from the Southward; they ſay there is a good many people of Tippoo's, both horſe and foot, near Cuddalore, *and a good deal of rice has been got in by them lately.*

N° I.

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 23, 1783.

YOUR Packets and Letter, 15th inſtant, came ſafe, and I loſe no time to diſpatch the ſame Cattamaran people, to ſay, that it will be unſafe and imprudent to remove in any ſhape from Tranquebar, what you may have provided there for the public ſervice, until you hear from me, or that you know *certainly* that the Iſis, and the convoy for this Army, are at anchor; they will anchor betwixt Porto Novo and Cuddalore.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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N° II.

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 23, 1783.

I WRITE you this, purpoſely to deſire that you will, on no account, remove from the Southward what you may have provided there for the public ſervice, until you hear further from me, or that you know for a certainty that the Iſis and convoy for this Army are at anchor. They will anchor betwixt Porto Novo and Cuddalore; but no man

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Major Gen. Stuart; Negapatam, May 19. (Received May 23, 1783.) } " This morning's *Tapal has brought me the* " *incloſed* * *Letter from Colonel Fullarton, which* " *he deſires me to forward to you. The duplicate* " *will go to-morrow*: He gives me no news in his Letter.

☞ " *I ſend you copy of the* general orders *iſſued by the Colonel, dated the* 14*th inſtant, received* " yeſterday.

" *This moment an expreſs Tapal is come in with a Letter from Mr. Hippeſly, forwarding* " *a duplicate of your Letter to Mr. Sulivan of the* 5*th, from Permacoil, and* Poſtſcript *of the* " 6*th. I have had the peruſal of it from Mr. H. he having powers from Mr. S. to open* " *all his Letters. — I ſhall forward it immediately to Mr. S. — He had received the original* " *of yours of the* 5*th.*"

* This was Colonel Fullarton's Letter to me, dated May 12. J. S. 1784.

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on earth knows, or ſhall know, where this Army will *ultimately* take up their ground; and you muſt at any rate ſend on board the Iſis, to ſay that I will ſhew the proper ſignal to the Captain before landing any thing.

The daily expence of this Army is, for all ſorts, fighters and followers, about 500 bags of ſix marcalls each, and a leager of arrack for the Europeans, conſidering their expected increaſe and working parties. There is money expected in the Iſis; and as Mr. Sulivan ſays that the ſervice will be accelerated by my ſending you money, part ſhall be ſent you after ſhe comes to her ſtation. I am quite out of patience with the delay in diſembarking the rice here, owing to want of boats; and therefore I am extremely happy to find you have ſecured ſuch a proportion, eſpecially of the large ones. I have ſent a Letter by a truſty man, yeſterday, to Mr. John Sulivan, directed to Carical, and to proceed to Negapatam. If Mr. Sulivan is gone, you will open it;—his Letter to me, dated the 20th, is come to hand; and as to immediate ſervice, *this will anſwer you both.* The moment you know of

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EXTRACT.

From Colonel Fullarton, Camp at Dindigul, *May* 14, 1783, to Mr. B. Cochrane, Negapatam. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 23, accompanying a duplicate of the Letter from Colonel Fullarton of May 12.)

"*I encloſe* duplicate *and* triplicate *of my anſwer to General Stuart—be ſo good as forward them to him with all diſpatch. The* original *went by Harkarah, but their arrival is not ſo certain as by this conveyance.*

"*I congratulate you on Clerke's ſucceſsful expedition.—I received your Letter, and ſhall write you fully to-morrow or next day.*"

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EXTRACT.

*Intelligence* from Cuddalore, May 19, communicated by Mr. B. Cochrane to Government (and received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 23).

"*I wrote you ſome time ago that* M. Buſſy *had received intelligence from one of his officers in Tippoo's camp, that Tippoo had retaken the Ghauts leading to Bidenore—ſince that, M. Buſſy has received another Letter, mentioning that the fort of Bidenore was given up to Tippoo Sahib, and the priſoners to the French. M. Buſſy has received intelligence from the Cape, that four Dutch and four French ſhips were on their paſſage to Trincomalee.—He immediately*

of the Iſis and the convoy being at anchor betwixt Porto Novo and Cuddalore, you will at every rate ſend me notice, *and I will leave the rice (not then landed) in the ſhip here, in order to move to my ſtation.* I have told the Cattamaran people, and Harkarah, that if this reaches you in three days, they get pagodas *ten*—if in four, *ſix*—if in five, *three*; and you will pay them accordingly.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May 23, 1783.*

WHAT precedes * was wrote the 21ſt. There being ſome *Looties* on the road, I did not ſend my letters yeſterday, until further precautions had been taken about the Tapals, which are now ordered to keep near the coaſt. There is an account of the *Tapal* from hence, of the 20th, having fallen into the enemy's hands.

The high ſurf, and the delay in carrying ballaſt to the *Reſolution* has been ſuch, as that only *five hundred bags* were landed the 21ſt, and

* See Page 121. J. S. 1784.

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" *immediately diſpatched a packet to* M. Suffrein, *deſiring him to come to his aſſiſtance as ſoon* " *as that reinforcement had joined; which packet was taken by the Engliſh off Porto Novo, the* " *15th inſtant.*"

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EXTRACT.

Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, May 19. (Received May 23.)

" *The night before laſt I received a Letter from the* " *Select Committee, dated the 27th April, deſiring me* " *to collect as many boats as I poſſibly can, and keep them in readineſs to ſend to ſuch places as the* " *Commander in Chief ſhall point out to me, in order to aſſiſt in landing proviſions and ſtores for* " *that Army, alſo deſiring me to uſe my endeavours to procure grain, arrack, and other ſpecies* " *of proviſions, and freight veſſels in order to convey them to the Army. I take notice of what* " *you mention to Mr. S. about ſupporting me, &c.—As you ſay in your P. S. to him of the 6th, that you* " *have thirty-four days freſh proviſions; you may be aſſured of getting plenty of rice from the South-* " *ward, provided* ready money *is paid; for I don't believe the Lubby people will truſt to account-* " *able receipts.*"

*three hundred* the 22d; *and the ſhip has loſt two anchors and cables. I am quite out of all patience, and have ſent forward to Meſſ. Sulivan and Cochrane to let me know the inſtant the Iſis, &c. come to an anchor; being determined to leave the rice that may remain in the ſhip, and to get on to my deſtination.*

I have taken every precaution as to this poſt (Killenore Pagoda), which will hold out againſt any poſſible force, until I can ſend back for the rice from our next ground.

I have a Letter from Mr. J. Sulivan, of the 20th, at Carical; he is gone to Negapatam, and on his way to Tanjore, after leaving the neceſſary orders and powers to *Mr. Cochrane*, to ſupply our wants, according to *his* means. On this ſubject I have this day wrote fully in one Letter *in common to both*; and am in great hopes, that if we have only *caſh* from the Preſidency, we ſhall, *with the ſupplies of rice by the tranſports and ſhips*, of which I am informed, and what you occaſionally may ſend us; I ſay, if the accounts from Mr. Sulivan and Mr. Cochrane *turn out as reported*, a large quantity of rice can be had to the Southward, with every other neceſſary; ſo as almoſt to make us *(after unloading the preſent convoy)* independent of naval operations.

Mr. Sulivan writes to me, that Colonel Fullarton has augmented his army by *five* battalions, with as many brigades of guns; and that he was at Dindigul the 16th, waiting the arrival of the detachment from Pallamcottah and Madura, and the return of the *firſt* battalion from Trichinopoly;—and Mr. Sulivan ſays, that his (Colonel Fullarton's) exertions "are now become our only reaſonable hope of ſaving "a part, at leaſt, of what has been gained on the Malabar ſide."

All this is to me, I fairly confeſs to your Lordſhip, &c. a myſtery, *or nearly ſo;* I muſt therefore again repeat, what I mentioned in a late letter, requeſting to know, *what orders you have been pleaſed to ſend to Colonel Fullarton ſince the 18th of April? and to obſerve that the Cole-*

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*room will be full in four or five weeks hence, so as to render any junction or immediate co-operation with Colonel Fullarton impossible, if he goes farther from me, instead of coming towards me as I looked for, more especially as Colonel Lang has left the army without any part of the troops to join me!*

Mr. Cochrane writes, that Sir Edward having intercepted a boat with intelligence, "that M. Suffrein would leave Trincomalee in five "days, to come to M. Bussy's relief, the Admiral had gone towards "him."—I don't know on what authority Mr. Cochrane gives the intelligence.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May 24, 1783.*

THE preceding is the copy of my last letter.—I do myself the honour now to inform you of a letter which I have received from Colonel Fullarton, *dated, Camp at Dindigul, May 12th*, where he acknowledges the receipt of my letter 28th April, inclosing one from the Select Committee, of the 20th, directing him to assume the command of the Southern Forces; and also another letter from the Select Committee, dated 21st, respecting such part *of the Southern Troops as I may find it necessary to order to join this Army for the reduction of Cuddalore.* The Colonel adds, "that respecting the objects that I recommended to his "attention, he will revolve them in his mind with all the attention due "to their own importance and to me; and that he will explain his "present situation and operations so soon as Colonel Lang's departure "allows him to inform himself accurately of the true state of affairs." Thus far the Colonel writes to me; and of the same date, but by another conveyance, I have received the copy of the *General Orders issued by him* †, a copy of which I here inclose.

* This Letter is referred to page 13-19, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

† *See the following copy of those General Orders; they were dated May 14, and received by me through Mr. Cochrane (May 23), as appears Note* ☞ *page 125.* J. S. 1784.

From the whole, compared with Mr. Sulivan's letter to me * (as above), it ſeems clear, that inſtead of following *my* plan or *my* idea, or indeed, which is of more importance, the reſolution of the Select Committee, for the co-operation of the Southern Army; I ſay, inſtead of this, all the Southern Provinces are draining to augment *his* army, which, as I gueſs, is going upon ſome expedition, *where it will be out of his power in time to co-operate with me*, and out of *my* power to aſſiſt him, in caſe Tippoo's combined force ſhould, as may be ſuppoſed, make a puſh to get betwixt him and our provinces, or to cut off his ſupplies; and I repeat to your Lordſhip, &c. that *now the monſoon is ſetting in, in the Myſore country, and on that coaſt, I cannot ſee any object of diverſion or execution in that direction, to warrant an expedition with the forces that by the General Orders are aſſembling.*

I requeſt therefore to know whether your Lordſhip, &c. have given orders to Colonel Fullarton to warrant what I now communicate to you? becauſe, although there is not a preſent preſſing exigency for the junction of the Southern Army, yet *I do not know how ſoon it may be; and therefore, unleſs you order to the contrary, I ſhall moſt undoubtedly, in conſequence of what I underſtood to be your intentions, take the proper ſteps, if not already too late, to have it in my power to derive benefit from co-operation, and this can only be, by directing the march towards the Coleroon, before it fills.*

Report ſays, that Tippoo's principal force will return to this country rather than ſuffer the French to be extinguiſhed. *My plan is to provide againſt ſuch an emergency, and it was on this ſuppoſition that I urged chiefly the powers to call upon the Southern Army at any time. Another reaſon is, the diſproportion of Native Corps with me, conſidering the duties that will fall to their ſhare in our operations againſt Cuddalore, and preventing ſupplies being thrown in from the country.*

* *See page* 128. J. S. 1784.

Your

Your Lordſhip, &c. know well that two of *our* battalions are to the northward; in ſhort *the Sepoys will be worn down with the fatigue*, and deſert in conſequence: I ſhould therefore be of opinion, for the preſent remedy *in part*, that the 12th battalion, now at Madras, be ordered to join this army, and they may come as an eſcort to his Majeſty's 23d Dragoons, whenever they are in condition to join; and I beg leave to recommend Captain Croker to the command of that battalion.

I have ſent the neceſſary orders to Major General Burgoyne, or officer commanding his Majeſty's troops, to move what remains of the 15th and 16th Hanoverians into Fort St. George, *provided it is agreeable to your Lordſhip, &c. and to acquaint the Governor therewith.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

[Encloſure in the preceding Letter.]

* GENERAL ORDERS. By Colonel FULLARTON, commanding the Southern Forces;—for the Garriſon of Tanjore and Troops at Negapatam.

*Camp near Dindigul, May* 14, 1783.

The following Corps to join the Army with all convenient expedition.

| | | | Jam. | Hav. | Nai. | Priv. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (Native artillery) | From the garriſon Tanjore | — | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| | From Major Galway's corps | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 45 | 50 |

Infantry The 8 companies of Sibendy grenadiers.
The 13th battalion.
The 23d ditto.

" The 13th and grenadiers to rendezvous at Trichinopoly, under the com-
" mand of Captain G. Clerke, who will receive further inſtructions from the
" commanding officer of that garriſon.—The 8 companies of Sibendy grena-
" diers, at Tanjore, will eſcort what ſtores may be in immediate readineſs
" there.—Enſign Davidſon of the 13th battalion to march the companies to
" Trichinopoly, where he will put himſelf under the orders of Captain Clerke.

* Copy received May 23, through Mr. Cochrane. J. S. 1784.



" —Lieutenant

" —Lieutenant Allan, with the 28th battalion, will remain encamped near " Tanjore, till the whole of the military ſtores are ready: he will then pleaſe " to put himſelf under the command of Captain Tanner, who will march for " Trichinopoly, where he will receive further inſtructions how to proceed.— " Major Bruce will pleaſe to order Lieutenant Gordon, with the Sepoys at " Cortalum, to march to Caroor, and put himſelf under the orders of the " commanding officer of that garriſon. The 3d Carnatic battalion, with the " 3 field ſix-pounders, and the 9 pounder, now in Madura, to be in readineſs " to join the army.—The 25th battalion to relieve the 3d: they will march as " ſoon as the field ordnance at Palamcotta is ready, which is alſo to join the " Army (excluſive of a brigade of three-pounders), that Captain Bilcliff will " keep for the troops in his garriſon.—On the arrival of the 25th at Madura, " with the field-pieces from Palamcottah, the 3d battalion to march and join " the Army, with the whole of the artillery collected to the Southward.

" *Colonel Fullarton* truſts, that commandants of garriſons will uſe the " utmoſt expedition in getting ready the field-pieces which are to join the " Army, and that they are ſent complete, with Laſcars, ammunition, &c.

" The poſts in the country, from the garriſon of Tanjore, to be immediately " withdrawn. Lieutenant Knox will receive inſtructions regarding a party to " be poſted at the *Annacuttah*, and a guard at the fortified Pagoda at Triva- " lore. The Adjutant of the Sibendy grenadiers to join his corps."

(Signed) JAMES ORAM, Deputy Adj. Gen.

This order to be ſent to Enſign Allan at Carrical, May 17, 1783. } (Signed) S. SWAIN, Fort. Adj. (Tanjore.)

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## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 24, 1783.

YESTERDAY only 670 bags could be landed; ſo that I do not think I can move from this ground before the 26th or 27th.—Captain Muirhead writes to me of Captain Troubridge having picked up a canoe, with ſome Laſcars that had deſerted from the French at

* This Letter is referred to, page 19, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

Trincomalee, which place they left ſix days ago; M. Suffrein was there with fifteen ſail of the line, ready to ſail. They ſay, he was much diſtreſſed for water, and with the utmoſt difficulty they could keep up the daily conſumption.—I have *no* account of the Iſis, *&c.* and ſuppoſe ſhe muſt have kept out greatly to the eaſtward.

I conclude that Captain Paterſon will ſend a proper eſcort with the carriage-bullocks arrived from the northward, half way to Permacoil, to be relieved by an eſcort from thence. Mr. Cotts has received my orders to join at the ſame time.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 25, 1783.

THE preceding is the copy of my laſt addreſs of yeſterday; ſince which I have heard from Colonel Lang, and now forward his Letter to the Committee, which I ſuppoſe is to the ſame purpoſe, " that he is ſo far on his way to the Preſidency, on account of bad " health."—*All aſſiſtance to this Army, either from Colonel Lang or any force detached with him, ſeems now totally at an end.*

I have received a Letter from Mr. Cochrane, the 22d, at Negapatam. He has great merit in collecting large and ſmall boats, in a place

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Cochrane, dated Negapatam, May 22, to M. Gen. Stuart. (Received May 25, 1783.) } *I now forward to you, without loſs of time, * Letters received from Col. Lang. Mr. Sulivan arrived here the day before yeſterday, and proceeded to Tanjore yeſterday morning.—He adviſed me not to diſpatch any boats until ſome further accounts were received from you, and that I knew for certain where you were.*

*The Dutch Gentleman, inhabitant of Negapatam (returned from Columbo), did not come on ſhore till the 20th, owing to his having drove to the northward of Nagore; and the current was too ſtrong to admit of the boat coming up ſooner.—He tells me, " That he left Columbo* ſeven- " teen *days from this date; that there was arrived there a ſhip from the Cape and P. de Galle*

* See N° I. and II. following.



*with*

place of ſafety: Rice alſo is ready to be ſent, but the owners at Tranquebar deſire *ready money*—there is alſo arrack; and the merchants of Tranquebar, on *my* aſſurance of a free market, are ready to bring all ſorts of ſupplies to the officers for *ready money*: this, therefore, will in all probability be the chief thing needed from the Preſidency, *if my accounts turn out true.*

I am

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" *with wheat and other proviſions, and that ſhe ſailed from the Cape in company with eight* " *Dutch ſhips bound for Trincomalee.*" *He alſo told me,* " *that ſeveral veſſels had arrived at* " *Columbo (a few days before his departure), from the Malabar coaſt; and that they all* ☞ " *mentioned* Bidenore having been taken (by Tippoo); *and that the enemy were preparing* " *to proceed againſt Mangalore, where reinforcements from Bombay were expected.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Cochrane, Tranquebar, May 23, 8 P. M. (Received May 25. 1783.) } *The above is duplicate of what I ſend you by an expreſs Catamaran that touched here yeſterday afternoon, by which Mr. Mackintoſh wrote you of Sir Edward Hughes appearing off here yeſterday evening. I came here this morning in hopes of ſeeing the Admiral, and learning from him the ſituation of the ſhips to the* northward, *that I might loſe no time in forwarding the boats and grain veſſels—but alas! the Admiral, though he came near, never ſtopt or ſent a frigate* in, *to learn or give news. Where he is we don't know! but I am now returning to Negapatam to look after my other buſineſs.*

*Yeſterday afternoon I received your Letter of the* 10th, *dated at Permacoil, incloſing the one for Mr. Sulivan, which I forwarded to him. You may be aſſured every exertion ſhall be uſed.—I only wait for your money and orders to forward the boats.*

*The French give out that M. Suffrein was to leave Trincomalee as yeſterday for the relief of Cuddalore.*

(Incloſure (No. 1.) in Mr. Cochrane's Letter. Received May 25.)

From Colonel LANG to Major General STUART.

SIR, Trichinopoly, May 20, 1783.

*I have been favoured with your Letter of the 28th April, incloſing me the orders of the Right Hon. the Preſident and Select Committee of the 21ſt April, to deliver over the command of the Southern Army to Colonel Fullarton, which I immediately obeyed, and I now take the liberty of incloſing a copy of my Anſwer to them, which I requeſt you will forward, for fear of a miſcarriage in the other which I ſend.*

*I go from hence to-morrow for Tanjore; from whence I ſhall take the liberty to addreſs you.*

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I am much affected to find, that the reports prevail, and gain credit, at Tranquebar, of *Bidenore having ſurrendered by capitulation:* Mr. Cochrane mentions a Dutchman, lately from Columbo, who had heard it from every veſſel that touched *there*, from the Malabar Coaſt.

Mr. Cochrane ſays, "that *Monſ. Buſſy*, on receiving intelligence "from the Cape, of four French and four Dutch ſhips being on their "way to Trincomalee, had diſpatched a packet to *M. Suffrein*, deſirng "him to come to his aſſiſtance after *their* junction; and that this "packet had been intercepted by our Admiral the 13th inſtant.

By a Letter from Tranquebar, I ſee that the whole of our Fleet was in view, off that place, the 22d, a good way to the eaſt, and ſtanding to the ſouthward; and it was believed the French would ſail that day from Trincomalee.

I have

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*In the mean time give me leave to aſſure you* that I regret that it is out of my power to render your Army and the Public that very eſſential ſervice which I had planned out.

*I think I ſhall be able to prove to you, that I am as able a politician as* ———, *and have always had the intereſt of my employers as much at heart.*

*Wiſhing you every ſucceſs in your preſent undertaking, believe me to be, with all due reſpect,* SIR, *&c. &c.*

*(Signed)* ROSS LANG.

(Encloſure (No. 2.) ſent open, received May 25th.)

From Colonel LANG to the Select Committee.

*My Lord and Gentlemen,* Trichinopoly, May 20, 1783.

*I have been honoured with your commands of the 21ſt paſt, in conſequence of which I immediately delivered over the charge of the Southern Army to Colonel Fullarton.*

*I think myſelf highly honoured, by the rank his Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant me, and am alſo thankful to my Hon. Maſters in England for their application for ſuch rank, and to your Lordſhip, &c. for ordering me to join the main Army now going againſt Cuddalore.*

*As the ſame arguments hold good regarding other Officers with the main Army as regards Colonels Fullarton and Forbes, having ſerved under me, it cannot be agreeable to me by any means to join the main Army, which your Lordſhip, &c. know I have often commanded ſince the commencement of this war and formerly.—Still I would wave all this for the good of the ſervice, but at preſent*

I have wrote to Mr. Cochrane, on *no* account to ſend his boats, *&c.* from where they now are, until he hears from me, after taking up my laſt ground. Mr. Sulivan is gone to Tanjore.

All the carriage needed to bring up the rice, *&c.* from Conjimeer, went there this morning; and I am in hopes will return with the whole to-morrow—If ſo, I march the day after.

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

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Nº I.

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 25, 1783.

I HAVE wrote you in different ways, that your diſpatches of the 19th and 22d are come to hand, and every thing is done that you can wiſh, for the ſervice, and for our mutual credit.

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*preſent my health will not permit me to enter on ſuch active duty.—I am apprehenſive that I ſhould have been obliged to quit the field, had not this ſuperceſſion taken place; I ſhall therefore take the earlieſt opportunity of proceeding to the Preſidency.*

*I cannot help expreſſing my ſurprize at your not having received Letters, with the accounts of the fall of Caroor.—I give you my honour that the Harkarahs who brought me your Letter of the 21ſt April, were the men whom I diſpatched the moment Caroor fell.—I alſo ſent Duplicates by way of Vellore. I am not ſurprized at ſome Letters miſcarrying, and I have ſeveral Harkarahs now priſoners in Gingee and Cuddalore.*

*I did not write upon the fall of Averacouchy or Dindigul, and I requeſted your Reſident at Tanjore to do it.*

*Leſt his Letters ſhould have been loſt, I have the honour to acquaint you that Averacouchy was taken by ſtorm the 17th April, and about 400 of the enemy killed and wounded.*

*Dindigul lower fort was taken by ſtorm the 5th inſtant, upon which the upper fort immediately took Cowl.*

*The buſineſs of Averacouchy ſtruck ſuch a terror into the people of Dindigul, that they made a poor defence.—Our loſs was very trifling at both places.*

*I have the honour to be,*

*My Lord and Gentlemen, &c. &c.*

(Signed) ROSS LANG.

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Do all you can to ſend to Captain Haliday of the Iſis, anchoring to the ſouth of Cuddalore, "that I ſhall take up my laſt ground about "the *firſt* of next month; and before that, he muſt *not* land any thing "until I repeat the ſignal." Keep all your boats ready until I write to you, or until you can put them *ſafe* under the Iſis's ſtern. Send me by Cattamaran and by land every poſſible intelligence.

I ſhall certainly march the 29th, and perhaps it will be the 2d or 3d before I am at my ground; but I ſhall go on *ſure* ground.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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N° II.

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp at Killenore, May 25, 1783.*

I HAVE wrote to you of late by ſo many occaſions, land and ſea, that they cannot be loſt. I ſhall, however, recapitulate, in a few words, what is moſt eſſential, after acquainting you that the packets of the 19th and 22d are come ſafe to hand, and make me very happy, chiefly to find that you have boats and arrack ready for immediate uſe.

So ſoon as the Iſis with her convoy comes to anchor 'twixt Porto Novo and Cuddalore, hoiſting (perhaps) a yellow flag at the fore-top-gallant-maſt head, you will by all means find a Cattamaran man or Harkarah to watch, and take ſome way to ſend on board, acquainting Captain Haliday, or officer commanding, "that I ſhall doubtleſs be at "my *laſt* ground on or before the 31ſt, and not to land any thing, "or change his poſition, until he hears from me, and after my hoiſt-"ing the correſponding ſignal." You will of courſe give him by Letter all the news, with the reaſons of my delay here for want of boats; and you will ſend all your boats, *&c.* with arrack, to be under the care of the Iſis, alſo the rice-veſſels, *&c.* if you can prevail on them to do

ſo.—The Chief Engineer ſays, he will write to you for blue cloth for his corps of pioneers;—if he forgets, you will however ſend it.

You ſhould have in view every thing that Negapatam can provide for the Admiral's uſe, and for watering the fleet. He moſt probably will ſend to you. Slaughter-cattle and ſheep for the fleet ſhould be in readineſs, if poſſible; and write to Mr. Sulivan on the ſubject. Provide boats and chelingas to the utmoſt poſſibility of your power—there cannot be too many, if they are properly manned.

*Now is your time to derive merit, for exertions to enable me to carry the greateſt object poſſible to Britain*, and muſt cover our family and connections with glory.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*P. S.*—26th. Your Cattamaran people would not engage to carry the incloſed againſt wind and current; and therefore I have given it to Captain Troubridge of the Active, who I have requeſted to proceed, to take under his convoy whatever you have provided for us: He has a Letter left *open* alſo, to be forwarded to you. We ſhall be at our ſtation the 1ſt or 2d of June. J. S.

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From Captain HEARSEY to Lieutenant SMART (Aid-de-Camp).

EXTRACT.

*Conjimeer, May* 25, 1783. 12 *o'clock P. M.*

" THE Reſolution has parted two more anchors—only one remaining; " the wind very freſh. I have my doubts whether we ſhall ſee her " in the morning: if ſhe parts her laſt anchor during this night ſhe muſt " ſtand off."

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## From Captain MUIRHEAD to Major General STUART.

### E X T R A C T.

*Conjimeer, May* 25, 1783. *Half paſt Five.*

I Acquainted Mr. Cloſe, to inform you I had received your letter, and ſhould pay particular attention to it: people are ſent towards where you deſired, to find out horſes, cows, bullocks, &c. that may be in the way. After to-day there will be ſtill about 600 bags of rice to land; which I am in hopes we ſhall have on ſhore to-morrow, and ſent to camp by the evening.

Captain Troubridge was on ſhore yeſterday: he mentioned, in the courſe of converſation, *that the ſtore-ſhips were bad ſailers, and would, he was afraid, not eaſily get up, the current has been ſo ſtrong againſt them.* The Reſolution parted her anchor three times ſince ſhe came here.

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## Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

### E X T R A C T.

*26th May*, 1783. *Seven A. M.*

INFORM the General, that I have not a doubt of every thing being on ſhore this evening; but ſhall write you immediately when all is clear from this. As I am to move on with the regiment of cavalry and two battalions, and not join till the army arrives at their next ground, I would wiſh to move about two miles and a-half to-morrow; and that Lieutenant Wahab was ordered to join me, when I ſhall give him orders; as the ſand for that diſtance is very heavy, and we are now encamped about one mile to the northward of Conjimeer, this will be a great eaſe to us in our march next day. Be ſo good as let me have an anſwer to this, and the General's further inſtructions. As the Army does not move till the 28th, it will be perhaps the afternoon to-morrow before we march thoſe *two* miles, even if the General has no objection.

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From Lieutenant P. CAMPBELL (Aid-de-camp) to Captain MUIRHEAD.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 26, 1783. *One P. M.*

MR. Cloſe being engaged in other matters, the General has deſired me to acquaint you, of his having received your letter of this morning, and that he is happy to find every thing will be cleared, in the landing way, this evening. In that caſe you will pleaſe order the Laſcars, Pioneers, and all thoſe belonging to the Army, to join, ſo ſoon as you have done with them. Captain Hearſey has been wrote to in his department. The General thinks it were beſt for him to ſend the rice to camp. However, if Captain Hearſey thinks it beſt for the bullocks to go with you, it is left to him.

The General approves of your making the *move* you mention in the courſe of to-morrow; but he thinks Lieutenant Wahab had better not move till the 28th in the morning, and you to ſend him your orders where to join.

In going through Pondicherry, you will make ſuch detachments as to range through what is called the town, and betwixt that and the upper bound-hedge, without ſuffering your people to enter houſes, or to offer inſult to any of the inhabitants. Our Bazar-people, or whoever chuſes to buy, are to pay for what articles they want; and if any body ſent from the Chief Engineer or Quarter-maſter General, want things in *their* line, they are to pay for them, or grant receipts accountable for the value. In ſhort, this *move* on your part is to be conſidered for forage and cattle, and to diſcover any conſiderable quantity of grain or other articles wanted for our uſe, ſo as we may afterwards ſend for them: but the houſes are not to be broke open or plundered.

The Army will certainly march very early in the morning of the 28th, and encamp with our *left* to Villenore, occupying that poſt, and with our *rear* to the ſea. The things which you may collect will of courſe be drove on before you, towards Villenore. We ſhall march from the left, with baggage on the left. If you do not take precautions to prevent it, our followers will extend to Pondicherry. Captain Pringle will ſend guides to you in time, and to Wahab, who is to be under your orders. The Army is ſerved up with rice to the 1ſt of June incluſive: you will ſee this done, with the two battalions and the regiment of cavalry.

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The General requeſts you will take particular care to prevent liquor being ſold to the *Europeans with the guns*; and halt as ſhort time as poſſible in Pondicherry, and keep people to watch the gunners.

If any thing new occurs, the General will write you; if not, this is final.

(Signed) P. CAMPBELL, Aid-de-camp.

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## From Captain TROUBRIDGE to Major General STUART.

*Active, off Conjimeer, May* 26, 1783.

I HAVE the pleaſure at laſt to inform you, that the Reſolution will be clear by the 27th inſtant. I am ſorry it has been ſo tedious; but the ſhip's wanting ſo much ballaſt, the weather being ſo bad, and the boats ſo much out of repair, is the reaſon. The firſt three or four days, we landed from 12 to 1400 bags a day, until the ſhip grew ſo light, that my boats, by not being able to land, were of no ſervice; as the Maſſulah boats were obliged to carry ſand off, and return with rice, my boats not being able to take in the ballaſt while they had rice in; and the Maſſulah boats could not take in the rice from my boats until they had delivered the ballaſt, which is the thing that detained us very much.

If the *Iſis* and tranſports do not arrive, and you have no farther commands for the *Active*, I propoſe going to Madras, and take in any thing the Preſidency may have to ſend, and return immediately. If you have any thing at Madras that you wiſh to have brought up, I ſhall bring it with pleaſure. I ſhould be glad you would let me know where the next cargo is to be landed.

(Signed) T. TROUBRIDGE.

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From

## From Major General STUART to Captain TROUBRIDGE.

*Camp at Killenore, May 26, 1783.*

I BEGIN by making you, in the name of the Public and in my own name, the moſt ſincere acknowledgments for the unremitted attention and aſſiſtance you have given us in landing the things from his Majeſty's ſhip Active, and from the Reſolution tranſport, which I truſt will be all landed this day; after every difficulty you have had to ſtruggle with, as mentioned in your letter to Captain Muirhead.

I have already repreſented our obligations to you in my correſpondence with the Committee; and I ſhall not fail to do you the ſame juſtice with the Admiral.

This Army moves forward, towards Cuddalore, the moment the rice is in Camp from Conjimeer. *My principal anxiety is the delay of our ſtore-ſhips arriving at their place of deſtination, ſouth of Cuddalore; and as the moſt important conſequences may follow, detrimental to the great object of the expedition, particularly if we ſhould from that circumſtance be in want of rice and other neceſſary articles,* I have therefore taken meaſures to provide theſe articles, which are now ready to ſail from Tranquebar, ſo ſoon as they have the protection of any one of his Majeſty's ſhips. The whole is provided under the direction of my nephew Mr. Baſil Cochrane, the Company's next ſenior ſervant to Mr. John Sulivan, in the Tanjore Diſtrict: My requeſt, therefore, if not abſolutely inconſiſtent with your orders, is, "that you will pleaſe to "proceed to the ſouthward, and anchor off Tranquebar, and forward "to Mr. Mackintoſh the incloſed letter, which will explain every thing "to Mr. Cochrane, and he will (in letter) communicate the whole of "his plan to you."

It has required a great deal of management on his part to prevent the rice and arrack, and the boats, from being ſent to the French at

Cuddalore; and if the Iſis, with the convoy, is delayed much longer, I do not know if it will be in his power to contrive to do it.—In a word, Captain Troubridge, *the means of carrying rice with this Army, by land, are ſo ſcanty, that there is a chance of things going wrong, unleſs you can aſſiſt in the manner I have the honour to mention to you.*

(Signed) JAMs. STUART.

[Encloſure in the preceding Letter.]

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 26, 1783.

CAPTAIN TROUBRIDGE of his Majeſty's ſhip *Active*, on my repreſentation of your deſire to have protection for the boats and proviſions, ready to ſail for the uſe of the Army, has been ſo good as to give them that protection: You will communicate by Letter fully with him on every thing, and without loſs of time collect whatever is ready to ſend to us, eſpecially arrack and rice, *if our proviſion-ſhips are not in ſight when this reaches you.*

You will give every information in your power to Captain Troubridge concerning the ſituation of both fleets, and ſhew him every perſonal attention, by ſupplying him with every refreſhment he may want from the ſhore.

This Army moves the 28th at fartheſt, and will be at their *laſt* ground the firſt or ſecond of next month.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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From

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp at Killenore, May 26, 1783.*

I DISPATCHED the preceding † Letter to you yesterday by the *Tapalpeons* stationed coast-ways.

☞ *I am in hourly expectation of receiving your decided opinion, before I give orders to Colonel Fullarton to move towards the Coleroon, after leaving sufficient garrisons in the places to the southward—A measure in itself highly expedient to be immediately adopted, considering the season of the year, and on many other possible contingent reasons.*

If any thing could add to my thorough conviction on this head, it would be a confirmation of the news which I have heard from Letters received in Camp from the Presidency, that by a dispatch over land late in December, there is likely soon to be a general pacification in Europe, and that something is talked of as to the restitution of Pondicherry, with a settlement to the French. The consequences that I draw are, "that the utmost of our force, *after taking proper care of* "*the Southern Provinces*, should now immediately be applied, so as to "put it out of the power of France to resettle in this country for years "to come, let the *future* conditions of peace be what they may." In short, I am for making quick and sure work with them, both at Cuddalore and at Pondicherry; and I have not the smallest difficulty in giving

* This Letter is referred to, page 19, State of Facts, part II. J. S. 1784.

† See page 133. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence from Cuddalore, thro' Mr. Cochrane. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 26.)

"*I wrote you some time ago, that M. Bussy had received intelligence from one of his officers in Tippoo's Camp, that Tippoo had retaken the* Ghautts *leading to Bidenore; since that, M. Bussy has received another Letter, that the* Fort *of Bidenore was given up to Tippoo Sahib, and the Prisoners to the French.*"

"*M. Bussy has received intelligence from the Cape, that four Dutch and four French ships were on their passage to Trincomalee: He immediately dispatched a Packet to M. Suffrein, desiring him to come to his assistance so soon as that reinforcement had joined; which Packet was taken by the English, off Porto Novo, the 15th instant.*"

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it as my opinion, that *at a proper time*, immediately after the preſent ſervice is over, every *public* building at Pondicherry ſhould be blown up, and the native inhabitants removed to ſome of our ſettlements; cultivation and manufactures kept down, and the cattle drove off. In a word, the conduct of France in general towards our country, and of the French in particular *here in India*, has been ſuch, as to warrant every thing on our part excepting cruelty to individuals;—*an exception which they have not made in regard to our unfortunate countrymen ſent to Hyder by M. Suffrein.*

*It is now many days ſince I have had the honour of addreſſing you, repreſenting my opinion of the expediency of the Southern Army to move towards me; and, as before obſerved, I want, for the preſent, your explicit opinion and orders:* and, mean while, I conſider the *General Orders* iſſued by Colonel Fullarton, and the increaſing of *that Army to move for any other purpoſe*, as done without any previous conſultation with me, and directly contrary to my opinion, and to the reſolution of Government, in Committee, the 17th or 18th of April; I don't recollect preciſely the day, neither the preciſe words; and therefore I have to requeſt that your Lordſhip, &c. will be pleaſed to furniſh me with an *official* extract.

*The Army marches the 28th, though I ſhould leave ſome rice in the ſhip, for I will not remain here on that account any longer.* The demand of the Agent for rice to the Europeans did not enter into my calculation, and will in ſo far diminiſh our ſtock for the Black troops; I have wrote this day to Captain Troubridge, requeſting moſt earneſtly that he would proceed immediately to Tranquebar with my Letter to *Mr. Cochrane*, and take under his convoy whatever *he* has got in readineſs for the uſe of the Army.

*The winds have been ſo contrary, that my mind is very much agitated by the poſſible delay of the Iſis, with the proviſion and ſtore ſhips*; this propoſed meaſure is the only one to come in aid to us; I have no anſwer

as yet from the Captain, but judging from his readineſs on the preſent ſervice, I am in hopes he will not heſitate to continue his exertions, which I promiſed to him to repreſent to your Lordſhip, &c.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 26, 1783.

"I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letter of the 21ſt, where you mention that mine of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, have reached you.

"As to what is mentioned in your Lordſhip's, &c. Letter of the 6th, which you accuſed me of not having anſwered; I muſt beg leave, with the Preſident's permiſſion, to refer to a *ſeparate* Letter from me to his Lordſhip *on that ſubject*, dated the 13th inſtant, *ſo far as relates to it*, containing my genuine and unalterable ſentiments *in the line of command of his Majeſty's troops*; mean while the ſervice is, and will be carried on in good humour, and as if there were no diſtinctions; *and I am anſwerable for it*; and "that nothing but unneceſſary irritation, "in altering the inſtructions of the Honourable Company 1774, *on* "*points of theory*, can alter the preſent harmony in all ranks of this "Army."

*Your Orders* of the 20th inſtant, concerning the Adjutant-general and Quarter-maſter-general, were publiſhed to the Army ſo ſoon as received: *Your Orders* of the ſame date, concerning the march of his Majeſty's 15th and 16th regiments, are alſo publiſhed; although, from the ſtyle, I am clearly of opinion, that it was not in method—*becauſe the march of thoſe or others of his Majeſty's troops ſhould proceed upon the Order of the Officer commanding his Majeſty's troops, and done on requiſition of Government.*

In this, and in more eſſential points, where I conceive there is a *diſtinct* line, I have (without giving up the points, and reſerving the appeal to the proper authority to determine)—I ſay, I have publiſhed thoſe *General Orders, becauſe theſe are not times for diſpute, but for action.*

As to Officers of Rank *of his Majeſty's troops* ſerving with this Army, either with their *Corps* or *parts* detached here, I conceive it to be a thing in the courſe of *detail, through me, the Commander in Chief,* the Returns being made to your Lordſhip, *&c.*;—in this way, Captain Thomſon of the 98th, *mentioned ſeparately to me by the Right Honourable Preſident,* is now ſerving here; and ſeveral others;—alſo *Lieutenant-Colonel Cathcart* of the ſame Corps (and of that rank by his Majeſty's Brevet), *ſerves as Field Officer.*

I wiſh equally with your Lordſhip, *&c.* to take for my chief guide in all matters, *the Orders of his Majeſty, where the Royal Authority is concerned*; and the Conſtitution of the Eaſt-India Company, with the particular Orders of my Honourable Employers; and I conceive they are not diſcordant, &c.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Captain TROUBRIDGE to Major General STUART.

*Active, off Conjimeer, May* 26-27, 1783, 9 *o'Clock, P. M.*

I RECEIVED your Letter * the 26th inſtant too late at night to get this anſwer ſent you, the Maſſulah boats being all on ſhore. Agreeable to your requeſt, I will ſail directly to the Southward, as my Orders are, to act as the ſervice may require; I therefore think this a material thing, and you may depend upon it I will make every diſpatch in my power. As you have appointed no place to land the things from Tranquebar, I ſhall hoiſt a flag, half red and half white, at the

* See page 142.

fore-top-gallant-maſt head, when I get within five or ſix miles of Cuddalore, and keep it flying as I run down the coaſt, until you hoiſt a union-flag on a flag-ſtaff, and a pendant under it, at the place you would have me ſtop. If, by the weather being hazy, or other things may prevent me from ſeeing your ſignal, you will be pleaſed to fire a gun or two near the beach, which I ſhall be ſure to hear.

I am much obliged to you for your kind acknowledgments; but as every attention that can be paid, is no more than my duty, it is what I ſhall ever continue to do.

(Signed) T. TROUBRIDGE.

P. S. I would have ſailed to-night, but had no method of conveying this to you; but ſhall ſail in the morning ſo ſoon as the boat returns from carrying you this Letter. T. T.

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## From Major General STUART to Captain TROUBRIDGE.

*Camp at Killenore, May* 27, 1783.

I WAS honoured yeſterday with your Letter of that day's date; and am happy to find that every thing will be clear from the Reſolution in the courſe of the day. *The orders for the march of the Army are out*; and I cannot too earneſtly repeat the requeſt in my Letter of yeſterday, that you will pleaſe, with all poſſible diſpatch, to ſail for Tranquebar, and take under your convoy from thence *the boats with their lading, which, in not many days hence, will become indiſpenſably neceſſary for this Army, in caſe the Iſis, with her convoy, are not at their deſtination, ſouth of Cuddalore, by the 2d of next month.* I am ſure, Captain Troubridge, I need urge no ſtronger reaſon to you, than that the ſucceſs of our operations may eventually depend upon your being pleaſed to comply with my requeſt on this occaſion. I ſhall order cattle to be ſerved for the uſe of your people, when we come to the laſt ground we mean

mean to occupy. *There will be a ſufficient ſtock with the Army to do the ſame by the ſhips companies of the Iſis and other frigates.*

I ſuppoſe you will have heard from the ſhore all the news by the diſpatch over land: one part gives me great pleaſure—the vote of thanks by the Houſe of Commons to our worthy Admiral, and to our late General. If you proceed (*as I hope*) to Tranquebar, Mr. Cochrane or Mr. Mackintoſh will find a way to convey your Letters to Sir Edward, to whom I beg my reſpects.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant P. CAMPBELL (Aid-de-Camp).

*Conjimeer, May* 27, 1783. *Seven o'clock A. M.*

I Received the General's Orders of yeſterday, and ſhall pay the utmoſt attention to them. I ſhall move at Three o'clock this afternoon; and ſhall write the General on our arrival at the ground. The rice will be all in camp in the courſe of this forenoon. I wrote to Lieutenant Wahab laſt night, deſiring him to draw rice for his people, to the time ordered: he has done ſo; but I found he had no orders from Camp to be under my command.

I ſhall write the General on arriving at *Pondicherry*; and ſhall join the Army as early as I can in the evening of to-morrow.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Major General STUART.

*Conjimeer, May* 27, 1783. *Quarter paſt Twelve noon.*

I HAD the honour of receiving your Letter dated to-day half-paſt Seven A. M. and ſhall pay attention to your orders. I ſent you a Letter from Capt. Troubridge yeſterday evening, and one by the Harkarahs that brought yours this morning; by whom I ſhould have wrote you, but thought it neceſſary that it ſhould be immediately ſent off; and I was then on the beach.

beach. The Active ſailed this morning: the reaſon for ſailing ſo ſuddenly I do not know; but I ſuppoſe Captain Troubridge acquaints you in his Letter. The Reſolution ſails for Madras this evening. The two invalid Havildars were ſent to camp this morning.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

P. S. Your Letters for Captain Troubridge have always been ſent immediately on board.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant SMART (Aid-de-camp).

*Camp at Putoir, May* 27, 1783. *Six o'clock P. M.*

I Received yours by the Mharattah horſeman, on my march from Conjimeer. The man from the beach-maſter at Madras, in charge of the boats, is gone to camp, as he ſaid he wiſhed to have the General's inſtructions. The boats have ſailed for the Southward: they will keep near to the ſurf all the way; and they are to come on ſhore when a ſignal is made to them. I have given them ſix days rice. *I am now encamped about four miles on the Pondicherry road,* from Conjimeer; and ſhall march in the morning to put in execution the General's orders. All this be ſo good as acquaint him.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

*Pondicherry, May* 28, 1783. *Half paſt One.*

BE ſo good as acquaint the General, that I arrived here about nine o'clock this morning; that I have received his orders by Lieutenant Richardſon (Dep. Adj.-Gen.) to poſt the 5th battalion at the Villenore and Ariancopang redoubts: I had before poſted them all round the old works of Pondicherry, to prevent people coming in to plunder; one company at the Villenore, and one company at the Ariancopang redoubt, which I thought ſufficient to prevent a ſurpriſe on either of thoſe roads: my own battalion moſt of them on the parade in the town; but ſhould the 5th battalion be wholly moved out, it will be impoſſible for me to prevent the place being plundered,

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or I ſhall be obliged to diſperſe the whole of my battalion round the works, and of courſe be able to make no defence, *ſhould any attack be made.* I intended in the evening to have reinforced the companies at thoſe redoubts with another company each; but, if I receive no other orders from the General, I ſhall follow thoſe received from Lieut. Richardſon, by moving the whole of the 5th battalion, not having a ſingle man but what will be diſperſed round the town, to prevent plundering; and you know very well the extent of it, and how difficult (when we were in here before) with two battalions it was to prevent it. I hope the General will conſider this, and order the parties for thoſe redoubts from camp, if he does not think thoſe I have ſent ſufficient.

Captain Jourdan, with his regiment, will be in camp this afternoon: I ſhall ſend by him a few bullocks taken with ſmall grain going to Cuddalore, and I do not believe there will be 50 more found in this place; but I ſhall do all in my power, and ſhall move the 5th battalion at Five o'clock, ſhould I receive, before that time, no contrary orders.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp near Villenore, May* 28, 1783.

THE preceding * is the copy of my laſt Letter.—I am happy to inform you, that Captain Troubridge made no difficulty in proceeding without delay to Tranquebar, and I gave him Letters to Mr. Cochrane and to Mr. Mackintoſh. Nothing has been omitted, in ſo far as my information goes, to bring to us *with ſafety*, to the ground that we ſhall *ultimately* occupy, whatever has been provided for us by Mr. Cochrane, in conſequence of your orders; and this will make things as certain as human events can be, *combining thoſe ſupplies with what your* ☞ *Lordſhip, &c. have been pleaſed to diſpatch to us:* however unfavourable winds and currents may be, your intentions are good, and for my own part I am moſt ſincerely grateful for your attention to us.

* See p. 146.



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The march of this day has been from neceſſity long, and from the heat of the weather conſequently fatiguing.—We moved from the laſt ground preciſely at Four A. M. and the rear-guard did not come up till half paſt One P. M. we ſaw an encampment in front about five miles *ſouth* of Villenore Pagoda; I ordered the advanced guard to get round the Pagoda, and we took ſome topaſſes and a huſſar;—the encampment was on the other ſide of the *Gingee river*, and conſiſted of 300 European infantry, two guns, and 20 artillery men, 60 huſſars, the reſt topaſſes and ſepoys; the whole 1400, ſtrongly poſted.—They decamped, and I did not think it proper to purſue them with the *advanced guard* beyond the river;—two *vedettes* of the huſſars mounted, gave themſelves up to us in the march this day, and I have given them the value of their horſes and arms.

The Chief Engineer is now employed in making a *tenable poſt* of the Villenore Pagoda, *to hold the rice which we cannot carry in our* ☞ *next move forwards; for to this expedient am I drove by our preſent means of rice carriage being reduced to nine days.*

There has nothing happened to me in this reſpect, that I did not foreſee long before I was required to name a day, or rather a day fixed for the movement of this Army from the Preſidency; and foreſeeing it, I have, to the beſt of my judgment, provided for the emergency. *The progreſs, in conſequence, is not ſo quick as theory might* ☞ *ſuppoſe; but, in practice, I anſwer for its being as quick as is conſiſtent with the public ſervice.*

At the hour the Army moved to this ground, I ordered *Captain Muirhead*, with one regiment of cavalry and two battalions of ſepoys, to move along the coaſt to Pondicherry, with particular inſtructions, *in writing*, "to protect the perſons of the inhabitants and their houſes, "but to bring away all the forage and cattle, and to ſay to the Chief of "the Police there, that if this detachment was diſturbed by *Monſ. de* "*Buſſy* from Cuddalore, *their* town ſhould ſuffer for it."—I ſhall keep the

the two battalions there, while I am on this ground: The regiment of cavalry will drive the cattle to Camp this night. To-morrow the Army halts—next day, I ſend for the rice left in the poſt at Killenore, and if the cattle can proceed, I move the day following; *but I believe no man in this Army knows in particular in what direction I am to move.* Your Lordſhip, *&c.* will, I truſt, have reaſon to be ſatisfied, from the event, that *univerſal* ſecrecy was eſſentially neceſſary upon this occaſion.

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

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From Captain MUIRHEAD to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-Camp).

*Pondicherry, May* 29, 1783.

BE ſo good as inform the General that I have in the moſt poſitive manner acquainted the European inhabitants of what the General deſired. I cannot find at preſent that there is any manager of the police: *Mr. Hugon* was formerly; but none of them will acknowledge to have any thing to ſay to it now. I cannot find out any Europeans belonging to the French here in the military way, except one ſick officer that was taken in the Dutch ſhip off Cuddalore, now here on his parole, from Lord Macartney. I underſtand two or three ſhips were ſeen off here, about five days ago, which I imagine were two Portugueze, and one Daniſh, that paſt us when at Conjimeer. The Bazar is open; every thing in it but rice. There is a good deal of ſtraw here. No bullocks, except about 20, ſo poor, hardly worth the ſending to camp.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

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N° I.

From Captain MUIRHEAD to Major General STUART.

*Pondicherry, May* 31, 1783. 10 *o'clock A. M.*

YOUR Havildar is this moment returned: he ſays, they are certainly French ſhips; he ſaw the boats going backwards and forwards from the ſhore.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

N° II.

*Pondicherry, May* 31, 1783. 11 *o'clock A. M.*

THE other Catamaran, ſent off at ten o'clock laſt night with letters to Captain Haliday, is juſt returned, and gives the ſame account as the others.

(Signed) D. MUIRHEAD.

I return the letters.

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From Major General STUART to Captain MUIRHEAD, commanding at Pondicherry.

*Camp, Red Hills, May* 31, 1783.

I HAVE received both your letters, with confirmation of our diſappointment as to theſe ſhips. I have got back my letters; and I hope the laſt letters I ſent you have been returned to you.

There is no help for ſuch accidents in war; but it ſhall not alter my determination to move forward: and I tell you *confidentially*, that I march the 2d, without fail.

On my firſt ſuſpicion *I ordered half the line to lay accoutred.* You will alſo keep a ſharp look-out in Pondicherry and the poſts. You will ſerve five days rice to the two battalions to-morrow, and give rice to Mr. Holcombe's men, and pay the Catamaran people and Harkarahs, whatever you ſee proper, without referring them to me.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, Red Hills, Saturday, May* 31, 1783.

YESTERDAY, from my tent, I clearly perceived *five* ſhips off Cuddalore; Captain Muirhead ſent off immediately a *Catamaran*, who returned with intelligence, *that he ſaw boats paſs to and from Cuddalore:* Thinking it was the effect of fear, I ſent off my own Catamaran

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Negapatam, May 28. 1783. (Received May 31.)

*Seyd Saib is encamped near Cuddalore with about* 5000 *horſe and ſome foot; and M. Buſſy at Manjecoupang, with all the French troops, viz. four regiments and three thouſand ſepoys; but their ſtrength not exactly known.—There was a ſalute fired lately, which they ſaid was for the taking of Bidenore, but my man at Cuddalore thinks it was done on purpoſe to give ſpirits to their troops; he poſitively aſſures me that on the 22d there were no ſhips anchored at Pondicherry, Cuddalore, or Porto-novo.—He mentions that there are about* 400 *Sebendy Peons at* Chilumbrum; *the French were in hourly expectation of M. Suffrein. Theſe hopes I have now the pleaſure to inform you are at an end; for* 1807 *writes me, of date laſt night, that on the 26th there arrived at Tranquebar a Portugueſe veſſel from Trincomalee, who ſaw Sir Edward the morning ſhe left it; that ſix French men of war were ready in the Great Bay, who made a ſignal for ſeeing a fleet.—The Brilliant was not then ready for ſea; he aſſures me I may depend upon this news, and you will perceive it confirms the news I ſent you in my packet of yeſterday. I ſhall write a few lines to Commodore Haliday, informing him of the ſame.*

*Vencatarayaloo tells me, that Seyd Saib is under great apprehenſions of our Southern troops marching down towards Cuddalore, therefore he does not think he will retire to Chillumbrum on your moving to Cuddalore, for fear of being hemmed in. I have deſired him to write his Correſpondents in the Cattamanarcoil, &c. Countries that Col. Lang, with troops, is to move down with the view of keeping up their apprehenſions, and preventing Seyd Saib taking ſtrong poſt at Chillumbrum; which, when once in our poſſeſſion, will open the communication with this country, and cut off the French correſpondence.*

*Your Letter of the 19th at Killenore, came to hand an hour ago, by the Tanjore Tapal. The moment I hear of our ſhips being anchored to the Southward of Cuddalore, I ſhall immediately diſpatch off the grain veſſels and boats; I mean all the grain* my private credit *can procure: twenty leaguers of arrack you ſhall alſo have. Mr. M. at Tranquebar, has wrote a Letter to Striputtyroyen, by order of M. Buſſy as follows:* "*I have ſent you Mr. Buſſy and Seyd Saib's Letter which you will obſerve the contents of. M. Suffrein, with his fleet, is at Trincomalee; his Letters coming from thence to Cuddalore, and anſwers ſent him from Cuddalore, can no longer*



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maran man with Letters, he alſo returned with the *ſame* news. I ſent off a third time with ſome Letters I had received from Mr. Cochrane, to Captain Haliday; and I am now *certain* beyond a doubt, that the five ſhips I then ſaw, and now ſee, *are French;*—there is no help for it, however unaccountable; ſuch events are to be looked for in war, and only ſurpriſe the ignorant. *It will not affect my operations at preſent, however it ultimately may do, if our ſhips and ſupplies are thereby cut off.*

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" *be continued by ſea* on account of the Engliſh at Negapatam, *the Letters muſt therefore be* " *ſent to Topeton Yadoramayen (Devicottah) and from thence in Catamarans to M. Suffrein.* " *There are no troops at Negapatam, therefore you will ſend a party of horſe to Negapatam to* " *drive away the Engliſh that reſide there; the French will then take poſſeſſion of it, and we* " *ſhall have no further trouble in ſending our diſpatches to M. Suffrein;*" this order will be *ſent off to-morrow; the contents of Seyd Saib's Letter to Striputtyroyen were,* " *to deſire him to* " *do all that lays in his power according to what Mr. M. writes; and alſo of M. Buſſy's, that* " *whatever the French reſident at Tranquebar required, that he ſhould effect it if poſſible, when* " *he (M. Buſſy) would recommend him to the Nabob; and incloſed him Seyd Saib's Letter to* " *the ſame purport.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane, to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Negapatam, May 25 (Received May 30, 1783.) } " *I wrote you from Tranquebar the night before laſt, that unleſs you ſent a poſitive order, there would be no co-operation of troops from the Southward, and the only aſſiſtance you would get, would be from the Warrior-pollam Polligar.*

" *My opinion is now confirmed by the incloſed Letter from Colonel Fullarton,* with one for you *, which ought to have been received here the 21ſt; *for all the Letters from Captain C. to me have arrived from Col. Fullarton's camp near Dindigul, regularly on the* third *day, viz.* Captain C.'s Letters of the 12th, 15th, and 16th, came to hand the 15th, 18th, and 19th. *I have always remarked that Colonel Fullarton's Letters are conſtantly two or three days later than others, and this one of infinite conſequence is full* four days later; *it appears odd, and it is fortunate, that I ſent you* Duplicates *of the* General Orders (May 14.) *given out by Colonel Fullarton for the reinforcement of the Army, otherways you would have been without information of the ſtate of matters to the Southward.*

" *I ſhall now diſpatch this off expreſs ſo ſoon as a Catamaran is got in readineſs.—I am anxious to hear from you in anſwer to my many Letters of late.—In ſhort, for want of caſh the grain buſineſs will not ſucceed ſo well as I could wiſh.*"

* This was Colonel Fullarton's Letter to me, dated Dindigul, May 18th. J S. 1784.

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The detachment with the rice from Killenore came to Camp this day; all that is above our means of carriage, is already lodged in the Pagoda of Villenore, *now made a poſt of;* and the grenadier companies (without guns) from the laſt poſt, will form the garriſon *until we can ſend back for it.* The cattle are ſo much fatigued with the march of twenty-eight miles in *two* days, that I muſt neceſſarily halt to-morrow. *My next move will be near, and oppoſite to, the enemy,* who, I hope, will be tempted, by thoſe freſh ſupplies, to ſtand a battle with us. *As yet, the*

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[ENCLOSURE.]

EXTRACT.

From Colonel Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Camp at Dindigul, May 18. Received at Negapatam the 25th, and by M. Gen. Stuart, (together with Col. Fullarton's Letter of the 18th to himſelf) upon the 30th of May 1783.

*"I incloſe a Letter for General Stuart, in anſwer to his of the 1ſt, which I received the 16th; I did not anſwer it yeſterday, in hopes of hearing from the Southward, and of receiving ſome accounts of conſequence; but you will ſee by my Letter what our operations will be, till we hear from the coaſt.—As ſoon as General Stuart arrives at Cuddalore, I preſume he will ſend me poſitive inſtructions in what manner he means that I ſhould act.—I ſhall tranſmit you a long Letter for the General in a few days."*

EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Negapatam, May 26. (Received May 30.)

*"The Southern Tapal is juſt now arrived, and brings me a Letter from Captain C.* (dated May 23.) *The following is an Extract."*

*"Colonel Fullarton tells me he wrote you fully a day or "two ago; ſo I ſuppoſe you are in full poſſeſſion of our future operations. We move, I under-"ſtand, the day after to-morrow,* Weſtward; *I wiſh it may be for ſome good end! I am afraid "we are too late to make any movement that can be of uſe to General Matthews; the Monſoon is "the only thing now that can ſave him."*

*The Harkarah that I diſpatched from hence with my Letter of the 2d inſtant, is now returned, telling me that he delivered the Letter to you on the 8th: He has brought a Letter from you of the 16th at Killenore directed to Mr. Sulivan or me, acknowledging the receipt of Mr. S.'s Letter of the 10th, with the intercepted Letters.*

*It would have been impoſſible to have ſent Sir Edward the intelligence, even had I been at* ☞ *Tranquebar; as it was, I did my utmoſt in immediately ſetting off from hence, in hopes of meeting him off there; but Sir Edward might have ſent in a frigate for ſeveral Letters that are now laying at Tranquebar for him. This is an unfortunate circumſtance!—I ſhall juſt now write Captain Haliday as you deſire. Colonel Lang is expected here the day after to-morrow; he is now at Tanjore.*

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*the ſecret is with myſelf as to the move of the 3d.* I have not heard a word of the Iſis, *&c.* ſince ſhe left Madras the 14th. The criſis will be unfortunate indeed, if, among theſe five ſhips, there be *a ſhip of the line.* I hope for the beſt, and am prepared for the worſt.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

P. S. *I have given poſitive orders, by the way of Trichinopoly, this day, * to Colonel Fullarton, to move towards the Coleroon, to join with*

* See Letter to C. F. p. 155. J. S. 1784.

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(Referred to in the preceding Letter.)

From Mr. B. COCHRANE to C. HALIDAY *.

Negapatam, May 28, 1783.

*I wrote you a few lines yeſterday; I now beg leave to inform you, that the intelligence I received yeſterday of Sir Edward being near Trincomalee, is confirmed by Letters juſt now received from another perſon, who tells me, that on the 26th arrived at Tranquebar a Portugueſe ſhip or veſſel from Trincomalee, who ſaw Sir Edward the morning he left it; that there were ſix French ſhips of the line at anchor in the Great Bay, who made the ſignal for ſeeing a fleet;—the Brilliantwas not then fit for ſea.*

*I have juſt now a Letter from General Stuart, dated Killenore the 19th inſtant, telling me, that the Iſis and other ſhips left Madras the 14th. He ſays nothing more; but other private Letters mention that the Army was to march to Cuddalore as on the 23d.—I am wrote to from Tranquebar, that the French intend ſending Arrack to Cuddalore in Chillingas with ſeveral Frenchmen in them, they will, no doubt, firſt proceed to Devicottah, where there is a veſſel belonging to Tippoo Saib, and from thence they will endeavour to get to Cuddalore during the night.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Eyles Irwin to Col. Fullarton, Tinevelly, May 13. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 31, 1783.) } *I was preparing to diſpatch the Duplicate of a Letter to Colonel Lang, when I was informed that you had ſucceeded him in the command of the Southern Army. As I had been favoured with no acknowledgement of a repreſentation ſo intereſting to the general good, but particularly ſo to your Army, and the province of Tinevelly, I could not incloſe the Duplicate to you without endeavouring to call your attention to the ſubject in queſtion.— So early as the month of March laſt, I gave my opinion to Mr. Sulivan of the danger to be apprehended from the drawing a regular battalion from this province.—I pointed out to*

* I am not certain at what time C. Halid y received this Letter, probably not before June 6. J. S. 1784.

*him*

*with his force, after leaving proper garriſons to the Southward: To-morrow I ſhall ſend duplicates to him, in different directions; and I ſhall ſend to your Lordſhip,* &c. *the duplicate of my Letter to the Colonel. I have directed* * *Major Bruce to halt the troops ordered to join the Colonel by the General Orders of the 14th.*

(Signed) J. S.

* See page 160. J. S. 1784.

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*him the utility of diſpatching two battalions of ſepoys, and two or three companies of Europeans, when they could be ſpared, for the collection of the Pollygar Peſhcuſh. The order of Government, and the operations to the Weſtward, at that time engaged the attention of Colonel Lang, and prevented an aſſurance being given me, that our force ſhould not be decreaſed. The inſolence of the Pollygars, at a moment the camp is on the frontiers of Tinevelly, will, I truſt, be an additional motive with you for declining to leſſen the means that is to keep them to their allegiance, and induce them to pay a part of their Peſhcuſh, ſhould it not be in your power to aſſiſt no further than by the Letters I requeſted of Colonel Lang.—The importance of theſe Letters need not be pointed out to you, much leſs the advantages that may be expected from their early arrival.*

*I cannot conclude this Letter, Sir, without offering you my congratulations, on your preferment and expreſſing my wiſhes that it may prove no leſs honourable to yourſelf than advantageous to the Company. The mite which I have been enabled to tranſmit for the wants of your Army, will, I flatter myſelf, procure me credit with you, for having nothing more at heart than its ſucceſs.—The ſupplies are within our view; we only want ſtrength to draw them forth.*

(Signed) EYLES IRWIN.

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence from Mr. B. Cochrane, of May 25 and 26. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 30, 1783.)

*May 25. M. Buſſy ſome days ſince received a Letter from M. Suffrein, that he was to ſail from Trincomalee with the fleet on the 21ſt; another Letter is come to hand the 22d, which ſays, that M. Suffrein was then in readineſs to ſail. M. Buſſy had information of the landing of troops and proviſions for the Army at Conymoodoo, (Conjimeer), ſent to Seyd Saib, to deſire he would move with all the horſe againſt them, and that he (M. Buſſy) would ſend out a detachment with them, as the Engliſh camp is near Pondicherry, which is four coſs diſtant.*

*May 26. M. Buſſy has received a Letter on the 23d inſtant from the Commandant of the French detachment in Tippoo's camp, dated the 8th May, wherein he ſays, he openly requeſted Tippoo Saib to move with his whole Army, who replied that he would firſt ſend Mahomed Ally Commandant, with a party of horſe and the French detachment, and afterwards move himſelf with his Army.—Upon preſſing him a ſecond time, he ſaid he would ſend* 10,000 *horſe,* 10,000 *ſepoys, and* 10,000 *bullocks, according to M. Buſſy's firſt requeſt.*

## From Major General STUART to Major BRUCE, commanding at Trichinopoly.

*Camp, Red Hills, May* 31, 1783.

YOU will forward, with the utmoſt expedition and ſafety, the enclоſed for Colonel Fullarton, or Officer commanding the Army to the Southward; and firſt (in ſecrecy) take copies of it, in order to ſend

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*Mr. ——— has wrote the above to M. Buſſy, and further, that Tippoo Saib in reply told him, "that he had been in expectation of the French forces theſe three years—in which time the "Engliſh had taken ſeveral places in his country—that the French force now, is not able to "cope with the Engliſh; that although M. Suffrein had at one time* 18 *ſhips with him, and the "Engliſh Admiral but* 12, *yet the reſult of three engagements was a drawn battle, notwith-"ſtanding their ſuperior force. Should he now put confidence in the French, and return to the "coaſt to their aſſiſtance, the conſequence would be, that the Engliſh would move to Syringa-"patam, and alſo the Mharattas who were now meditating an attack upon it—that the Engliſh "being before Cuddalore would ſoon make evident the ſtrength of the French forces, as well as "their own."*

*In the intelligence that Tippoo Saib has received from Goa, it is mentioned, that there is a treaty of peace on foot between Holland, Spain, France, and England, which was begun in December; that the packet is expected to arrive at Madras with the accounts in July next, which has determined Tippoo* not *to ſend any aſſiſtance of ſepoys, horſe, or bullocks; and alſo that he will not return any more into the Carnatic. Mr. ——— has particularly taken notice in his Letter (to M. Buſſy), "that he finds there is not the leaſt confidence to be placed in Tippoo Saib."*

*M. Buſſy having received the foregoing, ſent for Tippoo's Vackeel,* Mahomed-Iſmal *argued with him on his maſter's unſtable conduct, and told him, "that the French king had ſent him to "aſſiſt Hyder Ally Cawn, and to make him a great name; that Hyder being now dead, he pur-"poſed doing the ſame for Tippoo Saib, which he had long ſince wrote him; but that he found his "maſter ſo wavering, it was impoſſible to act in conjunction; that ſhould he now refuſe his "aſſiſtance, and the French be overcome, his fall would be ſoon after; that ſtill if he ex-"erted himſelf, they might take Madras within three months; but if he continued inactive, "and let that time paſs, he would never be able to do it." M. Buſſy deſired the Vackeel to be particular in writing this to his maſter.*

*Seyd Saib, with a detachment, was to have gone to Conymoodoo (Conjimeer), but on the* 26*th M. Buſſy received a Letter from the Engliſh camp, which informed him that our Army would be before Cuddalore on the* 26*th; he is therefore preparing every thing ready againſt their appearance.*

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lend in duplicate to the Colonel and to Mr. Sulivan. You will alſo, in abſence of Colonels Fullarton and Forbes, give orders in all the Southern Garriſons, *(for the ſake of expedition)* to countermand the march of the troops, as ordered in the General Orders of the 14th of May by Colonel Fullarton; or, if they are marched, to halt on receipt of your Orders.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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INTELLIGENCE communicated by Mr. B. Cochrane from his Correſpondent, dated Tranquebar, May 22. (Received by M. G. Stuart the 30th).

*I ſuppoſe you (at Negapatam) ſaw our fleet this evening. I counted 19 ſhips; but there muſt be more. I ſaw their colours plain; alſo the Admiral and Commodore's flag. They were too far to ſend a Cattamaran to them; and they ſtood off at ſunſet. It is ſaid here that the French fleet was to come out of Trincomalee this day: if ſo, we ſhall ſoon ſee another battle.*

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INTELLIGENCE from Mr. B. Cochrane, through another Correſpondent. (Received by M. G. Stuart, May 30.)

*The rice in Cuddalore is only ſufficient for 45 days; and only nine garce of paddy has been got in, after robbing all the Black-people. Seyd Sahib has* 5000 *horſe, and ſome foot: M. Buſſy four regiments, and* 3000 *Sepoys. A ſalute was fired for Bidenore retaken: it may be only to raiſe the French ſpirits.*

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INTELLIGENCE from Cuddalore, by Sepoy Harkarahs. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 30.)

*A Sepoy of the 4th battalion, from Cuddalore, ſays, he left that place yeſterday morning: That the French were in the old poſition at Manjecoupang, their advanced picket conſiſting of a few Europeans, and a battalion of Sepoys poſted at a Choultry, on the Panar; Seyd Sahib encamped at Trivandeporam, on both banks of the Godalam river: That the day before yeſterday* eighteen large guns *were brought to the outſide of Cuddalore gate, eight of which were braſs, and the reſt iron: That the four large iron and eight ſmall pieces of cannon are oppoſite to M. De Buſſy's quarters; and eight pieces with the Europeans, and ſix with the Sepoys: That there is no appearance as if they meant to ſtand at Manjecoupang: That great part of Seyd Sahib's baggage is on the way to Tiagar; and it is reported he will fall back to Porto-Novo.*

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Intelligence from Tanjore, dated May 24. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, May 30.)

*A packet came here by expreſs laſt night with Letters from a Bombay Committee. Mr. Sibbald, &c. arrived at Goa, April 29, with a battalion of Sepoys—their commiſſion is to*



*arrange*

[Enclosure in the preceding Letter.]

## From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

*Camp at Red Hills, May* 31, 1783.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letter from Dindigul, dated May 12th; it reached me the 21st: also your Letter from the same place, May the 18th, received Negapatam the 25th, and by me the 30th instant.

On the precise day that the first Letter was received, I had also *from another quarter, the General Orders issued by you to the Southern Garrisons, dated the* 14*th*; and collecting from the meaning of yours of the 18*th*, confirmed by what Mr. Sulivan the resident has separately wrote me as *his idea* of your future operations, I am clear in *my idea*, that every step you have taken to drain the garrisons of the valuable

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*arrange the new conquests under that government.—They heard of Tippoo's advantage of the* 6*th (April), but had not heard that Mathews had recovered the Ghauts, as is generally believed he did.*

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From Mr. Mackintosh, Tranquebar, May 28, to M. Gen. Stuart. (Received May 31.) } *I sent you yesterday a Packet of Letters by a* Dony, *which I hope is come safe to hand.*

*I mentioned therein, that a boat arrived here the* 26*th, which left Trincomalee two days before, and brought accounts of our fleet being near that place, and the French fleet in the harbour, but ready to sail. The French here all declare, that Bidenore* * *was taken by Tippoo Sahib the* 28*th* ult. *and that General Mathews and the Garrison was to be sent to Bombay by the Capitulation; but that Tippoo, for some reason or other, broke through the capitulation, and detained them all close prisoners.—This they say the French Commandant with Tippoo wrote to Bussy, who fired a salute at Cuddalore on receiving the news. They also say, that Tippoo has taken all the places that General Mathews took, except Mangalore, against which place Tippoo was to march the* 7*th of this month.*

*N. B. The French send boats daily from here to Cuddalore with necessaries.*

* This was really the case, and I found means to obtain a copy of the Letter here mentioned, wrote by *M. Cossigny* to *M. Bussy*, and forwarded it to the Select Committee, June 5. J. S. 1734.

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Southern Provinces, on purpoſe to augment the force with you, for any expedition of diverſion or enterpriſe to the weſtward, or to Pallicatcherry, at this ſeaſon of the year, and conſidering the poſition of both Armies, and the important object I am employed about; I ſay, every ſtep you have taken, is not only *contrary to every idea or plan of mine communicated to you, and to Colonel Lang with your knowledge*, but likewiſe contrary to the *reſolution* of government, in ſo far as they have explained their ſentiments to me.

The words, and the ſpirit of every Letter of mine is, " that although " I depended upon the co-operation of your force, yet I did not expect " or wiſh that you ſhould *ſuddenly* break up before any place you was " then attacking." Well! Caroor and Dindigul have been taken ſince my firſt communication on the ſubject; but could it ever be ſuppoſed, even without waiting for expreſs orders from me, that you was now to exhauſt the Provinces to go upon ſome expedition that I know nothing of, and which, from the ſeaſon of the year of itſelf, and ſwelling of the rivers, will, in all probability, draw the enemy's force down upon you ſo ſoon as they poſſibly can, and cut you off, not only from co-operation, but from communication? I repeat my aſtoniſhment, that you could have ſo far miſunderſtood me! and therefore, to prevent all future miſunderſtanding, I now ſend to you, both as Commander in Chief of the Company's forces, and conſequent of the reſolution of Government 17-18th of April, and *as commanding in chief his Majeſty's forces, and your immediate ſuperior in that reſpect*, my poſitive orders, that, after leaving the proper garriſons in the places of ſtrength to the Southward, fully ſufficient to defend them, and to ſupport the collections of the revenue, you will, on the receipt of this, take meaſures, ſo as yourſelf, with the remainder of the force, return towards the Coleroon; and you will receive further orders upon your march northward.

I have been under the neceſſity officially to explain myſelf to Government in diſapprobation of the meaſures you have taken, ſince your Letter of the 12th inſtant. I have deſired to know if they had ſent you any *ſeparate* orders unknown to me; and that if I did not hear from Government in a certain time on the ſubject, I ſhould certainly direct your march as above: that time is elapſed, and I conclude, that the Committee take for granted that I am left the judge as to the expediency of the orders which I now require you to obey, and for which I make myſelf anſwerable.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

P. S. Yeſterday we perceived *five* ſhips at anchor off Cuddalore. To my utter ſurpriſe I find that though our Admiral was reported to have in a manner blocked up the French at Trincomalee the 25th, yet theſe are French ſhips come there ſince yeſterday, and my people from thence ſee them landing troops, &c. at Cuddalore. Our ſtoreſhips, with their convoy, are not yet arrived; *this therefore makes the preceding letter the more neceſſary.*

(Signed) J. S.

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## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp at Villenore, May* 31, 1783.

THE five ſhips which I ſaw from my tent yeſterday, off Cuddalore, and thought to be our ſtore-ſhips, *&c.* turn out, on three nearer ſurveys, to be *five of the enemy's ſhips*, landing every thing they could need there. Your Letters and mine to Captain Haliday had near been taken, but the Cattamarans got ſafe back with them.

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I have, for this and other reaſons, ſent orders to Colonel Fullarton to give up the buſineſs to Pallicatcherry and the weſtward, and immediately to return towards the Coleroon; and have deſired Major Bruce mean while to halt the troops ordered to march by *Colonel Fullarton's General Orders of the 14th.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp Red-Hills (near Pondicherry), June* 1, 1783.

THE preceding * is the copy of what I had the honour to tranſmit to you, by the *Harkarahs*, yeſterday. I find they are in general *five* days, or even *ſix*, in coming from Madras; and therefore I have

* See Page 155. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence of May 27, from Cuddalore, and through Mr. Cochrane. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 4th.)

*By a Letter from Cuddalore, dated the 27th, we learn M. Buſſy is vexed and diſappointed at M. Suffrein's not coming to his aſſiſtance from Trincomalee, before the Engliſh arrived there and blocked up that harbour. The Black inhabitants of Cuddalore report, that the fort will be given up to the Engliſh within four days from their appearing before it.—The French have been obliged to take from every houſe in Cuddalore the rice and paddy it contained, for the public ſervice.*

*Mr.* ——— *has wrote to M. Buſſy the opinion he has formed of Tippoo Sahib, and what confidence is to be placed in him.*

*M. Piveron had a converſation with Tippoo Sahib ſoon after his arrival, who, in reply, told him, that he had taken Bidenore, and muſt now recover Mangalore, Calicut, Pallicatcherry, and Dindigul; after which he will come to Cuddalore.—Tippoo Sahib has moved from Bidenore to Mangalore, and ſurrounded it. An Engliſh detachment is arrived at Mangalore from Bombay to ſtrengthen that fort, after which they ſallied and drove Tippoo Sahib away from it; they took* 500 *bullocks and ſome guns, beſides baggage. Seyd Sahib has received this account by Letters as alſo that Tippoo Sahib has no thoughts of returning to the Carnatic, and that the Monſoon has ſet in at Bidenore.*

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thought proper, on this occaſion, to ſend a Catamaran. Beſides the proof in the preceding Letter that the five ſhips in Cuddalore are *enemies*, I have a confirmation, this morning, from Captain Muirhead; and when I viſited the poſt at *Villenore*, I ſent Captain Pringle and ſome others to the *top of the Pagoda*, who report to me that they are in the roads of Cuddalore, and *not* to the Southward. The French in Pondicherry (though, I believe, without any authority) ſay, they are three

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Eyles Irwin to Col. Fullarton, dated Tinevelly, May 23. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart from Negapatam, June 4.)

*I was yeſterday honoured with your Letter of the 20th inſtant, incloſing a Duplicate of one of the 12th.—I have the pleaſure to inform you, that the original came to hand, though ſome days after it was due. This gives me ſome hopes that my Letter of the 13th (incloſing one to Colonel Lang) has not miſcarried, but only taken a round by Trichinopoly, and will reach you in time to be of ſervice. I incloſe, however, Duplicate thereof for fear of accidents.—On the 18th I again addreſſed you on the ſubject of moving the 25th battalion to Madura.—You will find that five companies marched on advice from Anjengo that General Mathew's Army was in a dangerous ſituation. If your orders to the contrary do not reach us to-night, the other five companies will march agreeable to your orders, though I have aſſured Captain Bilcliff, I cannot in that caſe anſwer for the remaining crop*; and the ſucceſs of Major Campbell at Mangalore renders your immediate movement of leſs conſequence.

*I beg leave to inform you, that the revenues of Madura are alſo under my charge; they are unproductive, and do not require, in my opinion, the force you have ordered there. Five companies will garriſon the fort, and the other five of the 25th battalion can be no where ſo uſeful as in the Province.*

*I wrote a long Letter on the 21ſt, which I hope you will receive; Mr. Light has ſent you 2,500 gunnis; I have undertaken to pay him for as many more as he can make up. Bullocks at this time are not to be had. It is with difficulty that I have collected 1000 to throw grain into the fort.*

(Signed) EYLES IRWIN,

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Major Gen. Stuart; Negapatam, May 29. (Received June 4.)

*Colonel Lang and Captain Knox arrived here laſt night. I ſend you incloſed the news of N° 3. You will of courſe imagine I ſhall be upon the look-out, and particularly now, ſince all the troops ordered from this country are marched by this*

*time*

proviſion ſhips, and two prizes; others, that *there is a line-of-battle ſhip: in this laſt caſe, my anxiety for the ſafety of our convoy, I confeſs to be extreme, and for the* ACTIVE, *which, at my deſire, went to Tranquebar.*

I march to-morrow, and from the next poſition I ſhall be able to know more certainly the real force of thoſe ſhips; *for if a ſhip of the line or two have unfortunately eſcaped the Admiral's notice, and our convoy is within their reach, before it has been diſcovered by Sir Edward, the ſucceſs*

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*time to Trichinopoly, in compliance with late orders received from Colonel Fullarton; but Captain Tanner does not carry all the ſtores he expected. Captain Knox tells me, there is now in Tanjore only 12 battalion-companies of Sibendies, 3 companies of the ninth battalion, 300 of the 12th battalion; and Lieutenant Godfrey is at the Annecutta with 5 companies of the 9th;* and that is all the force remaining in the Tanjore country.

*Enſign Clarke has juſt now a Letter from Colonel Fullarton, dated Camp at Judecumbo, May 25th, in which he ſays, "We are thus far on our way to Daraporam. No news in this "quarter. I will write Cochrane to-night."—But no Letter is come to hand.*

*Mr. Sulivan writes me two lines, and ſends the incloſed Letter for you, which he left open for my peruſal. I have taken a copy, in order that the Duplicate may be ſent you to-morrow: he has deſired me to forward it with ſpeed. There is alſo a Letter for the Committee. Incloſed I ſend two Letters that came in the Tapal for you. Pray, cannot you, as ſoon as any of the tranſports or Indiamen have landed their cargoes, order her up to receive the Company's Madeira wine, now lying at Tranquebar, leaking very faſt? By ſending me a ſhip, it will ſave the Company the expence of freighting other veſſels. There are above 300 pipes remaining.*

[Letter to the Select Committee, referred to in the preceding.]

From J. SULIVAN, Eſq; Reſident at Tanjore, to the Select Committee Fort St. George.

Tanjore, 28th May, 1783.

*The intelligence of every day gives ſo much authority to the information I had the honour of communicating in my Letter of the inſtant, that your Lordſhip, &c. will pardon me for repeating my extreme anxiety that your orders for the ſupport of the Bombay Troops may be carried into execution effectually, and without delay.*

*As far as the force Colonel Fullarton is able to aſſemble can go, he certainly will lead it on; and I hope to congratulate the Committee before the end of June on the fall of Daraporam, Coimbatore, and Pallicatchery.*

*If*

*ceſs of our preſent operations will ultimately turn upon it.* I cannot help obſerving, notwithſtanding of this more than preſumptive evidence, yet two Catamarans, with Letters and Duplicates from Mr. Cochrane to me, have paſſed in ſight of theſe ſhips, without being chaced or challenged.

*I have the honour to tranſmit to you the copies of my letters * to Colonel Fullarton and to Major Bruce, which, I truſt, will be found conformable to your intentions, and to the preſent ſtate of public affairs.*

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

* See Pages 160 and 162.

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*If it were poſſible for Colonel Fullarton to continue his progreſs to Paniani, and up the Malabar coaſt, by Callicut and Tellichery, to Mangalore, he would be enabled by draughts from thoſe places (guided at that ſeaſon of the year by the Monſoon) to aſſemble a force that might penetrate into Myſore. But even now the rivers on the Malabar coaſt are rapid; and it would not be within power of exertion to tranſport ſuch a train of artillery as Colonel Fullarton has with him over the torrents, which would not be within every day's march.*

*The ſame objection does not lie againſt the march of a detachment lightly equipped from Tellicherry or Callicut. I have therefore ſuggeſted this idea to Mr. Sibbald and the Reſident of Tellicherry, as your Lordſhip, &c. will find by the copy of my Letter incloſed. How far the Officer commanding the Troops, and the other Gentlemen, may think themſelves juſtified in undertaking ſuch a meaſure without orders, I cannot preſume to ſay. But, unleſs they do undertake it,* or the Committee ſhould think it adviſable to order a detachment of Europeans and Sepoys from the Grand Army, to proceed by quick marches to join Colonel Fullarton, it is to be apprehended the whole force of Tippoo Sahib may be directed againſt the Southern Countries.

*(Signed)* *JOHN SULIVAN.*

[Enclosure referred to by Mr. Sulivan in the preceding Letter.]

From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Mr. JAMES SIBBALD, &c. Tellicherry.

Tanjore, May 28, 1783.

*The Select Committee of Fort St. George having empowered me to open all public diſpatches to their Preſidency, I take the earlieſt opportunity of offering you my compliments on the diſtinguiſhed ſituation to which your Letter of the 25th April gives advice of your appointment. I beg to aſſure*

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp at Chingarcoil, June* 2, 1783.

I ſend you incloſed a Letter of *importance, which I requeſt you will forward with the utmoſt expedition to Major Bruce, or officer commanding at Trichinopoly. I wrote you two days ago of the ſuſpicious appearance of the ſhips ſeen that day at Cuddalore, becauſe three different Catamarans

* *It was the Letters to Mr. Bruce and C. Fullarton, p.* 160 *and* 162. J. S. 1784.

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*aſſure you that no one can feel more than I do for the obſtacles which now preclude you from the exerciſe of your commiſſion, and that your own wiſhes cannot paſs the zeal* with which Colonel Fullarton and I are influenced, *not only to give relief to General Mathews, which Colonel Fullarton's operations muſt now do, but to open the communication between the Preſidencies, ſo that the armies may co-operate to effect.*

*Colonel Fullarton marched on the* 25*th towards Daraporam; before which place he expected to arrive on the* 30*th. The reduction of that place will be effected by his gallantry in a very ſhort time; and the reinforcement of the three battalions of ſepoys, now ordered to march, will join him there by the* 10*th of June*; his Army will then be in force to proceed for Coimbatore and Pallicatcherry, *which places, in different directions, lie at the diſtance of* 55 *or* 60 *Engliſh miles from Daraporam, and about* 35 *miles the one from the other. I have well founded hope that both places will fall to Colonel Fullarton in the courſe of June, and I am perſuaded the Monſoon will not ſtop his career if Tippoo ſhould return to the Carnatic, or if the Southern Army can be reinforced in time.*

*I acknowledge to you that I fear this timely aid will not be ſent from our grand Army; General Stuart writes to me, that he did not expect to commence operations againſt Cuddalore till the* 24*th. It will probably be late in the next month before the fate of that place, and of the French can be decided; and, in the event of our ſucceſs, ſome days will be loſt before a detachment can be equipped for a march acroſs the Peninſula and the rivers, which will at that time be full and rapid, will neceſſarily much impede the progreſs of ſuch a detachment.*

*If circumſtances ſhould admit of it, a much more ſpeedy, and perhaps a ſufficient reinforcement might be collected from Mangalore and Tellicherry; and if a paſſage could be effected by ſuch a force lightly equipped* in the parallel of Tellicherry or Callicut, *Colonel Fullarton might effect a junction by taking the route of Gudgereddy, and poſſeſſing himſelf of that paſſage into Myſore.* I ſend this Letter open to Colonel Fullarton, *with a requeſt that he will correct my ideas, and add what he may judge neceſſary. I will not, therefore, detain you longer than to ſay, that every reſource I can find,* and every exertion Colonel Fullarton can make, will be directed to the relief and ſupport of the Bombay Army.—*We know no diſtinction of ſervice or eſtabliſhment, and we ſee*

marans ſent from me had returned with the report that they were French ſhips, and had ſeen boats paſſing to and from the ſhore. Nothing will prevent my moving to my place of deſtination, at the time originally fixed; and, in conſequence, I have made the march of this day.

The preciſe direction of to-morrow's march is yet *a ſecret with myſelf*, and will not be known until the line is under arms to-morrow morning. I hope the *Active* has been with you, and will bring the ſupplies which the Government empowered you to provide for us.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to Mr. MACKINTOSH, at Tranquebar.

*Camp on the Panar, June* 3, 1783.

I SHALL be, on the 7th, at my poſition, with my flank to the ſea, five miles S. E. of Cuddalore, even though I am extremely diſappointed to find the *French*, inſtead of *our own ſhips*, at anchor in that quarter. I truſt they will not be long there, and that the Admiral will have ſent after them. From the preſent camp I cannot ſee the French ſhips;

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*how much the intereſt, perhaps the exiſtence, of the Britiſh Empire, may depend upon the event of the two next months. As it may not be poſſible to convey Arrack for the troops from this ſide after they have paſſed the Ghauts it may be of importance to have a ſupply ready at Tellicherry to be ſent to Pallicatcherry, or if ſeven gallon caſks can be procured, it might be tranſported on Coolies, by whatever route a communication can be opened. I requeſt of you to communicate this Letter to Mr. Freeman and the Gentlemen of your Committee, if you ſhould judge it neceſſary.* Colonel Fullarton will write to Major Campbell, *who, I ſhould imagine, will conſider himſelf as in the command of the troops, while General Mathews remains inveſted, and Colonels M$^{c}$Leod and Humberſton are detained by the Mharattahs.*

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

☞ From my ſituation in Government, I obtained the copies of the two preceding Letters, and I have judged it proper to inſert them in this place. J. S. 1784.

but they were ſeen yeſterday. I hope you and Mr. Cochrane will furniſh every intelligence, and give every aſſiſtance to us in the preſent circumſtances. I have forwarded a Letter * of importance to Mr. Cochrane, this day.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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† From Lieutenant CAPPER, commanding the Poſt at Villenore Pagoda, to Lieutenant SMART (Aid-de-Camp).

EXTRACT.

*Villenore, 3d June* 1783. *One o'clock A. M.*

"THE French have ſtruck their encampment ſince the morning. A ſhip "from the Northward is now off Pondicherry; and two are bearing "down from the Southward. A third, off Cuddalore, is getting under "way. Small parties of Looties are diſperſed all round us, which prevents "my diſpatching the Sepoys till the evening.

(Signed) J. CAPPER, Lieutenant.

*Four o'clock P. M.*

*P. S.* The ſhip from the Northward is now in a parallel line with the Pagoda of Villenore. She has French colours hoiſted. The other ſhips have put about, and are returning to their former ſtations.

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INSTRUCTIONS to Lieutenant Colonel KELLY commanding the Detatchment to eſcort the Rice from Villenore Pagoda, and to deſtroy the Works at that Poſt.

*Camp on the Panar, June* 3, 1783.

YOU will proceed with the force mentioned in this day's *General Orders*; and ſend, in advance, your orders to Lieutenant Capper to begin in taking the rice out of the Pagoda, and to have it ready for loading. Captain

* See the preceeding Letter, p. 169. J. S. 1784.

† This intelligence had at firſt the appearance of the French cruizers having fallen in with the Iſis and her convoy: it was found afterwards to be the firſt appearance of our own ſhips, ſeen from the top of Villenore Pagoda. J. S. 1784.

Hearſey, or his deputy, goes with you to put the bags in good condition, ſo as there may be no loſs in the carriage. You will give orders at the ſame time to throw down and deſtroy every thing that has been done towards making a poſt at Villenore. In order to ſave carriage, the grain-keeper will ſerve at Villenore, to the detachment under your orders, three days rice, completing them the ſame as the Army, to the 9th incluſive.

Lieutenant Capper has my orders to watch from the top of the Pagoda the arrival of your detachment, as well as the motions of the enemy. You know very well that our preſent camp with Cuddalore and Villenore forms a ſort of triangle; therefore, if any force from Cuddalore, ſuperior to yours, attempts any thing to-morrow or next day, I ſhall, upon your firing three guns, at the diſtance of one minute betwixt each gun, move to your aſſiſtance, in a direction betwixt Villenore and Cuddalore; and you will take, ſeparately, every precaution you ſee proper to be informed on this occaſion. I have, beſides, ſix or ſeven people in that direction, who have orders to come to you with the firſt intelligence of the enemy's movements.

You will return with the convoy and eſcort, and likewiſe the two companies of grenadiers (now at Villenore), as early as may be, on Thurſday the 5th inſtant.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp Manambodie, North ſide of the Panar, five miles Weſt of the Chemundelum Redoubt, Bound-Hedge of Cuddalore, Wedneſday, June 4, 1784.*

I HAVE every confirmation that eye witneſſes, and people reſident at Cuddalore, who are in private correſpondence for ſome time paſt, and

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane, Negapatam, May 30. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 4.) } *Your Letter of the 23d May, alſo Duplicate of the ſame, with one incloſed for Mr. Sulivan of the 22d May, came ſafe to hand laſt night. I opened that for Mr. S. and, after copying, forwarded it, together with the Duplicate of the 23d, to Mr. S.*

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and of indifferent people taken on the road, and of ſix truſty ſepoys ſent on purpoſe to eſtabliſh the proof of the ſhips being *French*, and having landed, for theſe three days paſt, rice and ſtores. Two of them were ſeen oppoſite to the entry of the harbour this morning. There has been ſuch ſeverity of late uſed to my people who have fallen into the enemy's hands, that I think it both needleſs and cruel to ſend more; the fact is certain; and the worſt is, I fear my ſuſpicion is well founded that three of the five are ſhips * of war, though I don't know their ſtrength; for Lieutenant Capper writes from the poſt at Villenore, at One yeſterday, that he ſaw a ſhip then abreaſt of Pondicherry, and three of the ſhips off Cuddalore made ſail towards it; ſhe hoiſted French colours, and they returned to their ſtation. If theſe ſhips are of no force, and only bring rice and ſtores, I care not much; but your Lordſhip, &c. muſt feel equally with me, the infinite misfortune, if they are of ſuch force as to pick up our ſhips ſeparately, of which I ſee the probability by the accidents which have happened to them. I fear alſo for the *Active*, and the country veſſels from Tranquebar, and for our Maſſula boats with Mr. Holcombe, who put off to the Southward the evening before I marched from the Red Hills.

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* See Note † page 171. J. S. 1784.

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*This morning's Tapal brought me a Letter from C. Fullarton; the following is a copy, dated the 26th May.*——"*I incloſe a Letter for the General, with two others, which I beg of you* "*to forward to him along with my Letter. I am extremely anxious and uneaſy till I hear from* "*him; for you may ſuppoſe I ſhould wiſh to have his poſitive and ſpecific inſtructions. I am* "*now marching to Daraporam.—I beg you will write me.—I am much obliged to Clarke for* "*his news. I wrote to him laſt night to thank him.*"

*The daily news is at my deſire wrote by Enſign Clarke, and I wrote C. F. that I ſhould ſend him every information through that channel.*

*Incloſed you will receive C. Fullarton's Letter with the two papers he alludes to; it is dated the 25th May, from Judycombo, one march from Dindigul; and his Letter to me is dated at Shuleramcotta the 26th May.*

*Colonel Lang (who left this after dinner to-day for Tranquebar) told me that Trimulrow *, who had agreed to pay large ſums of money for the public ſervice,* never paid a caſh; that he deceived him from time to time, *&c. Enſign Wellwood arrived here with twelve recovered ſeamen,*

* See foot note ‡, p. 62. J. S. 1784.

*whom*

In war, as I have more than once the honour to obſerve to your Lordſhip, &c. one is to be ſurprized at nothing, and to be prepared, *in one's mind at leaſt*, for every thing: how far we can in *other* reſpects be prepared or provided in caſe of accidents to our ſupplies of every ſort, I cannot yet know; *but nothing will prevent my perſevering in this greateſt of all objects to Britain, but the proſpect of almoſt certain deſtruction to this Army, by the landing of the Troops, &c. from M. Suffrein's fleet, or, what I moſt dread, the want of ſuſtenance and arrack, but chiefly rice.*

I feel the moſt real ſatisfaction in the good conſequences of proceeding thus, ſtep by ſtep, eſtabliſhing poſts, *particularly where the French were within two days march of us*, and thus bringing on every grain of rice with me. I ſhould have done the ſame indeed had our *friends* anchored where our *enemies* unfortunately now are; and I ſhall alſo take up nearly the ſame ground in either caſe, in order to have ſome effect, *at leaſt to appearance*, in the eyes of all our doubtful friends or certain enemies, *for I ſhall get between Cuddalore and all the Southern Provinces*, and on the great route of the convoys by Trincomalee and Trivady.

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*whom I ſhall ſend to the Iſis in one of my veſſels, as ſoon as I hear ſhe has anchored ſouth of Cuddalore; for it would be dangerous to keep them here long, as it might be ſome inducement to Seyd Sahib to ſend a party, and drive us all into the ſea, which he may eaſily do now, ſince this country is drained of its troops, and none left to ſend to the Warriar-Pollam people to enable them to take the field, and prevent parties croſſing the Coleroon.*

EXTRACT of a Letter from C. Fullarton's Camp, dated at Shooleromboo, on the road from Dindigul to Daraporam, May 26, 1783. (Received at Negapatam, May 30, and by M. Gen. Stuart, June 4.)

*Nothing done with Dindigul countries*; Trimulrow * *confeſſedly could not pay a rupee, and the* Pulniah *or* Pinie Pollygar *would not, unleſs he was ſecured independent of Trimulrow; they talked and talked to no purpoſe, except great waſte of time, which ſo tired out the Colonel (Fullarton), that after taking down all they had to ſay in a public manner, he ſent them all a-packing to adjuſt their buſineſs in Tanjore. Trimulrow, his brother, the Pinie Pollygar, and his brother with Mr. Sulivan's man Appoo, took their leave under an eſcort.*

* See foot note ‡, p. 62. J. S. 1784.

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The poſition of the encampment (at Chingarcoil, which I took up on the firſt march from Villenore, after paſſing the bed of the Gingee River) was exactly betwixt the two high roads leading both with equal eaſe to Cuddalore; and the enemy, imagining I was to go on the road neareſt to the ſea, had, for many weeks paſt, made all their batteries and preparations on the ſouth bank of the Panar, *on that ſide.* The direction of the laſt march of the 2d inſtant, from Chingarcoil (S. W.) was not known to our own Army till juſt before we marched off, and to the enemy about half paſt three A. M. at which time they ſhifted ground, ſeemingly in the greateſt confuſion; and, by my intelligence of this day, they are now encamped on ground betwixt the Panar and Godalum rivers. Alſo I hear that Seyd Sahib's baggage and Bazar are gone towards Trivalore; and he to follow to-morrow or next day, to keep on our ſkirts to the Weſt, and to prevent himſelf from being incloſed.

Our encampment at preſent is nearly North and South, with the right to the *Panar* and the road, two miles on the other ſide, leading directly to the Chemundelum redoubt and New Town, and the enemy do not *now* know whether I am to take that road or not.

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EXTRACT of a Letter from Tanjore, May 29, 1783. (Received June 4.) } *Trimulrow's family is all ſeized. The character of Trimulrow* *, he is a fool—a knave, and as great a liar as ever eat rice.

(Signed) ROSS LANG.

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From Mr. B. Cochrane, Negapatam, May 30, 1783, to M. Gen. Stuart. (Received June 4.) } *Laſt night I was honoured with your Letter of the 23d; alſo Duplicate of the one to Mr. Sulivan of the 22d, which I opened agreeable to your deſire; both which ſhall be forwarded to him at Tanjore.*

*Neither boats or grain veſſels ſhall be diſpatched until I have certain accounts of the Iſis and tranſports having come to their ſtation as pointed out by you.——I have now ready at Tranquebar 20 leagers of arrack, and can procure as much more as you may have occaſion for. I have alſo at Tranquebar, Nagore, and here, about 25 garce of rice, and 30 of paddy, and more,*

* See foot note ‡, p 62. J S. 1784.

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This morning I ſent the fourth brigade to eſcort the rice from Villenore, and to deſtroy what we had done at the poſt—*I cannot afford to keep it up:* To-morrow they will be in Camp; and next day, if the carriage cattle can *crawl*, I ſhall croſs the Panar, probably in ſight of the enemy, but with none of their guns or intrenchments in front of us. In two days eaſy march, I get round the Bandepollam Hills, and place one of my flanks to the ſea, South of Cuddalore—where, alas! I once expected to have ſeen our convoy and ſtore-ſhips.

I have given notice to Mr. Cochrane of our preſent diſappointment in that reſpect; and from his good and quick intelligence with Tranquebar, I am in hopes he will be able to give the fulleſt *cabinet information* on every point to me, and of the *ſea force* to Captain Troubridge, who may find ſome way to ſend intelligence to the Admiral, and to the Iſis, &c.; or, if theſe ſhips are of ſmall force, he will drive them off himſelf.

I ſhall write to Mr. Sulivan to think of ſome way to ſupply us with rice or paddy from the Tanjore country, or even from the garriſon ſtock, in caſe the *ſea* fails us; for nothing (as before obſerved) but inevi-

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*is hourly expected from the Southward; but I am to requeſt you will ſend me all the money you can poſſibly ſpare by the earlieſt opportunity, as the merchants here are by no means inclined to ſend grain to your camp at their own riſk; and I have a hard taſk to prevent their proceeding with their cargoes to the Northward; and it would be a moſt unfortunate circumſtance were the French agents to purchaſe and forward it to Cuddalore before the arrival of the Iſis. I underſtand they diſpatched, the day before yeſterday, from Tranquebar ſeveral Chilingas loaded with arrack for the troops at Cuddalore.*

*I ſhall this day communicate what you deſire to Captain Haliday, and you may depend upon the earlieſt information as ſoon as he comes to his ſtation.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

P. S. *The cauſe of the quantity of rice ready to be ſent you, being ſo ſmall, is owing to my being deceived by one of the black merchants, who aſſured me he had 80 garce in the roads of Tranquebar; but on further enquiry he had landed it, and no grain can be exported from Tranquebar; further ſupplies, however, are daily coming in from the Southward.*

(Signed) B. C.

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table deſtruction to this Army's perſevering, ſhould lead us, in my humble idea, to abandon this enterprize, now we have gone ſo far.

It is to prevent this poſſible dilemma that I have in Duplicate and Triplicate wrote to Colonel Fullarton to give up the *comparatively inſignificant operations towards Coimbatore, &c.* I call them ſo, *becauſe they will not, at that diſtance, operate to any diverſion from Bidenore, and may lead to ſomething very fatal to Colonel Fullarton himſelf, from his ſituation and the nature of the country; and becauſe the French once extinguiſhed, even though Bidenore and Mangalore were taken, would obtain for us equally as good a peace as if they were in our poſſeſſion; but, on the contrary, while M. Buſſy and the French remain, we have every reaſon to doubt of every country power, I do not except one, let your peace be written even in the ſtrongeſt characters and with the greateſt conceſſion imaginable.*

I ſend your Lordſhip, &c. a Duplicate of my orders * to Colonel Fullarton. By my intelligence he has marched *further off*; but I have no Letters from him of it. I cannot believe your Lordſhip, &c. *will give countenance to his perſevering*; but, on the contrary, ſupport me in the orders I have given, before the poſſibility of communication be cut off. If the negotiations with the Agents of the Ranah of Myſore have contributed to the preſent move of Colonel Fullarton in a contrary direction from this Army, I repeat *both my old opinion, that it is a deluſion, and my preſent information, that no aſſiſtance has been given either at Carroor or Dindigul by thoſe Agents* †, *and no money paid, as reported to be ſtipulated.* I may be wrong informed; your Lordſhip, &c. muſt know officially all this, though now the events are paſſed.

But in every event, as a Member of Government, and as the Commander in Chief of this Army, I thought myſelf, in ſituation and duty, called upon to give my opinion *in my place*, and on ſeveral occaſions ſince, in correſpondence with your Lordſhip, &c. " that the expulſion

* See page 162. J. S. 1784.

† See Note ‡ p. 62. alſo Notes ‡ p. 174, 175. J. S. 1784.

" of the French is the grand object; and that at this ſeaſon, and ſince " the laſt news from Europe, our whole force ſhould concenter from ☞ " the Southward, to make ſure of the buſineſs." I now add, " that " even though Colonel Fullarton be marched, *he ought to be ordered* " *back*; and on his way towards me, this force, on the march North- " ward, to be employed to drive any remains of the enemy from the " Trichinopoly or Tanjore countries." If your Lordſhip, &c. are of a different opinion, I ſhall ſtill carry on the ſervice here, to the beſt of my judgment and abilities; *but I do not, in other reſpects, hold myſelf* ☞ *anſwerable for the important conſequences.*

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp on the Panar, June 5, 1783.*

THE reports concerning Bidenore being retaken by Tippoo, were, in appearance, ſo much believed by the French, that they mentioned publicly to have ſeen the articles of capitulation. This they could not produce; but I found means to obtain the copy of a Letter*, which I now ſend incloſed, ſaid to have been wrote to Monſ. Buſſy, by the officer commanding the French detachment. I have run it over in general; but have not had leiſure to make any other remarks, than to ſuſpect from the ſtyle, it is fabricated; but, *as dates are mentioned*, your Lordſhip, &c. will eaſily trace where there is any contradiction to your other intelligence.

The French at Pondicherry ſay, they have had already Letters from Lallé and ——, that Tippoo has made up matters with the Mharattas, through the Nizam; and that he will certainly return to put Monſ. Buſſy in poſſeſſion of the Carnatic.

* *Theſe were real narratives contained in two Letters from M. Coſſigny to M. Buſſy; one of April 15th, after paſſing the ghauts leading to Bidenore; the other of April 28th, after the ſurrender of B. G. Mathews and Hydernagur; both theſe Letters are in my poſſeſſion.* J. S. 1784.

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The *General Orders* from Government, concerning Colonel Nixon's rank as Colonel has been iſſued to the Army; Lieutenant Colonel Roſs our chief engineer, gave to me the incloſed memorial.

If brevet-ranks are to be given as neceſſary for the ſervice, I have no difficulty in offering my opinion to your Lordſhip, &c. that there is not an officer on this eſtabliſhment who deſerves any mark of attention in that way preferable to Lieutenant Colonel Roſs; and I need not add to your Lordſhip, &c. who know him ſo well, that what has happened, in regard to Colonel Nixon, muſt affect his feelings, unleſs he keeps pace by the brevet rank of Colonel *ſenior* to Colonel Nixon: I do not thereby mean to recommend any increaſe of pay, or preſent alteration of the Engineer eſtabliſhment.

We have reports here of the horſes for Sir John Burgoyne's regiment being arrived from Bengal *. I ſhould recommend to ſend with them, at leaſt as far as Permacoil (or until an eſcort joins them), two field-pieces, and the battalion of Sepoys formerly mentioned. They muſt have the precaution to ſend forward to Chingleput gram for *twelve* days, there being none on the road.

If the *gram indented for* † *to be ſent by ſea*, is ſafely landed, there will be enough for two months; but I beg leave to recommend ſending more. The whole landed at Conjimeer has been delivered, and will be out on the 10th; and our *former* calculation did *not* include his Majeſty's 23d dragoons. I beg leave to recommend, that whatever cattle or ſheep are at Chingleput, and elſewhere, for the uſe of the Army, may be ſent under eſcort of the 12th battalion and the dragoons.

Yeſterday, on the march, Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm and others queſtioned a Conecoply juſt come from Cuddalore going to his village, who poſitively aſſured them that *four* French ſhips had landed rice and ſtores, and, as he ſaid, ſick men, and had ſailed two days ago. One ſhip now remains at Cuddalore.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

* *The horſes to mount that regiment did not arrive at Madras until June ; and they did not in any way come in aid to our operations at Cuddalore.* J. S. 1784.

† *See* N° I. ☞ p. 17. J. S. 1784.

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Camp on the Panar, Five Miles Weſt of Cuddalore Bound-hedge, June 5, in the Morning.*

IT will be hard indeed, if none of the many Letters wrote ſince May 31ſt, have got ſafe, informing you of our diſappointment in finding *French*, inſtead of *Engliſh* ſtore and proviſion ſhips, at Cuddalore. The fact is certain; and I wiſh the remedy were as certain.—I write this for you to take every means in your power to forward this to Mr. Sulivan, for him to do the ſame, ſo as we may be ſupplied immediately with rice, paddy, and ſmall grain *by land*, either through the Warrior-Pollam Man, or even from Tanjore, before the river comes down; for, with the utmoſt management, *we ſhall be a-ground in twelve days:* the conſequences are evident. I am in agony till I hear from you, and of the *Active*, and the operations in conſequence! I do not know the force of theſe ſhips: They were ſeen yeſterday off the harbour of Cuddalore. I truſt to your Tranquebar intelligence, and that the Admiral has had notice of them;—how they have hitherto eſcaped his notice, is a myſtery!

The movements of this Army have been, and will be, the ſame as as if our ſhips were at their deſtination. Two days ago, I turned the enemy's batteries and intrenchments on the *Panar*, and to-morrow I croſs it, and move through the Bandepollam Hills; and, on the 7th inſtant, ſhall place my flank to the ſea, about five miles ſouth of Cuddalore, *the poſition which I fixed on in my own mind three months ago:* here, I mean that the troops, proviſions, and ſtores, ſhould be landed; and I moſt devoutly wiſh to ſee our ſhips a few miles to the South of where they will ſee the ſignal agreed upon with Captain Haliday (a union and pendant on a flag-ſtaff), or I ſhall anſwer the ſignal of Captain Troubridge.

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At every rate, ſend us rice by land, through the Polygars; and ſend to the Admiral the news of our ſituation.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*P. S.* The daily conſumption is 500 bags of rice, each ſix markalls, or double of paddy or ſmall grain. J. S.

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From Lieutenant Colonel KELLY (commanding the Eſcort ſent from the Army, to bring the Rice from Villenore Pagoda) to Major General STUART.

*Villenore, June* 4, 1783. *Seven P. M.*
*(Received the 5th, A. M.)*

I HAD the honour of acquainting you on the march, of my ſeeing ſeven ſhips, which appeared to be Engliſh, to windward of Pondicherry;—but the Harkarah (who, I hope, will have better luck this time) was taken by the enemy, and by a *fineſſe* got off again, having deſtroyed my Letter. The chief purport of this, *the encloſed* will communicate to you. On finding the coaſt clear, and knowing how anxious you muſt be to learn certain intelligence, I detached Captain Pater with all the regular cavalry to Pondicherry with a large union flag, whilſt I hoiſted another on the top of this Pagoda. Captain Pater fired ſignals on the beach, hoiſted his flag, drew up all his cavalry, and ſent a Letter on board the Iſis, and received the anſwer incloſed from General Bruce's Aid-de-camp.

Since detaching Captain Pater, Sir Edward Hughes's fleet, conſiſting of 22 or 23 ſhips, have appeared off Cuddalore, and have had communication with our rice fleet; and they are all now ſtanding to the Southward.——I know not what to make of Sir Edward's appearance, but it is certainly his fleet.——I will leave this before day in the morning, and return by the old route.

(Signed) R. KELLY.

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(Enclosure in the preceding Letter, from Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly.)

## From Lieutenant DYCE (Aid-de-Camp to Major General BRUCE) to Captain PATER, commanding the Regiment of Horse sent by Lieutenant Colonel KELLY from Villenore to Pondicherry.

*On board the Isis, Pondicherry Road, June* 4, 1783.

THE Isis, Pondicherry, Harriet, and Minerva, arrived here this morning. Captain Haliday will proceed, the instant the wind will serve, to the southward of Cuddalore, where we expect to meet the Army, and will anchor three miles to the southward of the Fort, where he will wait for General Stuart's orders. The San Carlos, Active, Chacer, and Succes galley, and two paddy boats, are with us; and we expect the Ann and Amelia every moment. As the General knows the contents of all their cargoes, they are not particularized: however, *fourteen strange ships, which have appeared just now, may occasion an alteration!*

You will take care to communicate this to the General as soon as possible.

(Signed) H. DYCE (Aid-de-Camp).

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, 'twixt Trimangoody and Villicherry (Bandepollam Hills), Friday, June* 6, 1783.

HIS Majesty's birth-day (4th June) rose *auspicious* to us: I had that morning sent Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly on duty with the fourth brigade

gade to Villenore, to bring the rice left there, and to deſtroy what we had done towards making it a poſt. From the Pagoda he perceived eight or nine ſail a-breaſt of Pondicherry Roads, and immediately, with great propriety, hoiſted the *union colours* of a battalion on the Pagoda, and ſent Captain Pater, with the regiment of cavalry, to Pondicherry, who drew them up on the beach, and fired his carbines and field-pieces, ſo as the Commodore (Haliday) clearly perceived all that was wanted; and a Letter paſſed from Captain Pater, to which Major General Bruce's Aid-de-Camp ſent anſwer, that Captain Haliday would inſtantly proceed to the ſouth of Cuddalore, and wait there till he heard from me; and that the *San Carlos*, *Chacer*, and *Succeſs galley*, and two paddy-boats, were with them, and the *Ann and Amelia* hourly expected. Much about the ſame time were ſeen from the Villenore Pagoda, about twenty-two ſhips, which, from their number, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly concluded to be our fleet; and ſoon after, the frigates of both exchanged meſſages, and the *Iſis* ſtood to the ſouthward.

Whether ſome rice or ſtores were landed from the French ſhips, as we ſuppoſe (and as I believe), from the 31ſt ult. to the 2d or 3d inſt. is nothing now in my conſideration: My mind is entirely at eaſe, and I can venture to aſſure your Lordſhip, &c. that there is every reaſon to look for ſucceſs to the preſent moſt important enterprize, *not doubting of our being able quickly to land every thing which your Lordſhip*, &c. *have been pleaſed to ſend us by the ſtore-ſhips*, and which ſhall be my firſt immediate care.

From duty and attachment to our Sovereign, we uſhered in the day (June 4th) with a *royal ſalute* from our eighteen-pounders, and I added ſomething to the ordinary charge, *imagining it might be heard by our ſhips, and returned at noon*; for I had not heard from Lieutenant Colonel Kelly till eight next morning: No ſalute was returned from the ſea.



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We halted the 5th; and this day (6th) we croſſed the *Panar* and *Godalam* Rivers. It was a heavy and ſevere march, and the rear-guard did not come to their ground till paſt two. The water in the *Panar* had riſen eighteen inches in the two laſt days, a certain ſign of the Monſoon on the other Coaſt affecting the Rivers that riſe at any diſtance weſtward. *I cannot well avoid thinking of Colonel Fullarton on ſuch occaſions.*

We paſſed, on our left, the ground 'twixt the Rivers, and towards Trivandeporam, where *Tippoo*'s horſe were laſt night, and have been for weeks paſt: The *main* body of them were ſeen a little *out* of the *Bound Hedge*, on the Chemundelum Plain, and ſome European infantry were ſeen *within* the Bound Hedge. Imagining they would croſs towards *Trivadi*, and get round our rear towards the baggage, I had taken precautions to guard againſt it; but they ſeem to have kept on our *left*, as I ſuppoſe, by *Monſ. Buſſy*'s deſire, until we ſhewed exactly our intentions, by the ground we are *ultimately* to take up; *for at this time they do not know it.* The report ſtill prevails that their commandant *Seyd Sahib* has ſent off his baggage and Bazar to the weſtward; and there is now *almoſt* an end to his giving us any concern as to baggage, rice, or followers.

I write this to-night, to have in readineſs to ſend by a Catamaran to-morrow, with ſuch additions as may be needed, after hearing from the *Iſis*, *and perhaps from the Admiral.* We ſaw, at times, from the Heights, this day, on the march, ſeveral ſhips, as we think, ſouth of Cuddalore. My letters are ready for Captain Haliday and Major General Bruce; the men, money, and ſome arrack to be firſt landed *(the laſt quite out)*; and I have mentioned the Succeſs Galley, and Ann and Amelia to be *firſt* unloaded (being on demurrage), according to advices I have received from the Right Honourable Preſident. I have alſo received the Committee's Letter of the 30th *ultimo.*

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There are always five and ſometimes ſix days from the date to the receipt from Madras, though *private people* have their Letters in three or four days. I ſhall do myſelf the honour of anſwering every letter not hitherto mentioned, the firſt moment I can ſpare from more preſſing buſineſs; and the important one of to-morrow will be, *the fixing a proper ſeat of encampment, covered from inſult, and convenient for landing and protecting the ſtores, &c.*

Our preſent encampment is very ſtrongly ſituated, with the Bandepollum hills in front and rear, and thick jungle on our right, with the village of Trimangoody on our left.

To-morrow we ſhall make our *laſt march* almoſt entirely through Jungle, with little or no water, and, *by report*, a great part of the road to be cut out: but it will be matter of ſurprize to the enemy to ſee our Army, with every thing belonging to it, *come at once, to have both flanks ſecured at little more than two miles from their weakeſt ſide, without the interruption of rivers or the riſe of tides; and cutting them off from Chillumbrum and the ſouthward; our own ſhips anſwering ſignals inſtantly, and landing whatever we want.*

This will be nearly the caſe to-morrow at ten in the morning.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June 7, 1783.*

THE fatigue and difficulty of this day's march, owing to heat, to want of water, and to the frequent halts neceſſary to cut our way through the Jungle, exceeded what I expected; however, we got over it.

About ten in the forenoon the *advance* of the Army, which I ſtrengthened for the occaſion, took poſſeſſion of the ground nearly anſwering the deſcription in the preceding Letter. The enemy, even to this laſt day's march, were ſo entirely ignorant of our intentions, that their Bazar, with an immenſe number of cattle, were nearly on the very ground which our pickets now occupy: however they were ſo near the

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EXTRACT.

From Captain Troubridge to the Honourable Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Active, off Negapatam, May 31, 1783. (Copy received June 7th.)

*Enclosed I send you the General's Letter *. The ſtrong S. W. winds and eaſterly currents, obliged me to go ſo far to the ſouthward as Ceylon. The wind then coming favourable enabled me to make Negapatam, hearing before I ſailed you was here, and thinking you might have ſome of the boats here that are going down. I ſhall be glad you would communicate your plan to me, and let me know where I am to find the veſſels with the rice, arrack, &c. to convey to the Army, as the General is very anxious about them; if you wiſh me to ſtop here, I requeſt you will make a waſt of your colours at the flag-ſtaff, if not pleaſe to diſpatch my boat as expeditiouſly as poſſible, with all the intelligence you have reſpecting both fleets and our tranſports that are coming to Cuddalore, and I will proceed to Tranquebar.—If you wiſh to go to Tranquebar to forward the buſineſs, I ſhall accommodate you with the greateſt pleaſure.*

(Signed) T. TROUBRIDGE.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Tranquebar, June 2, 1783. (Received June 7.)

*On the 31ſt* ult. *I was honoured with your Letter of the 26th by Captain Troubridge of his Majeſty's ſhip* Active, *and immediately came here to forward the buſineſs.—I have now ſent under his convoy ſix Chellingas and one Madras boat, the remaining Madras boats which got damaged yeſterday will be repaired to-day, and forwarded to-morrow with ſome more Chellingas.—Two veſſels loaded with rice and gram alſo pro-*

* See page 143.

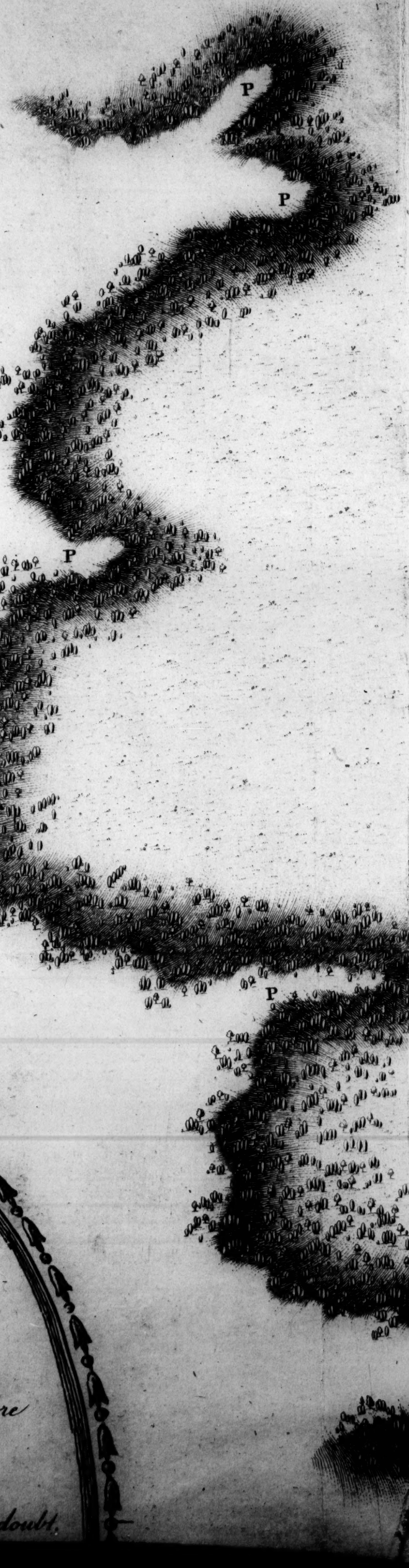
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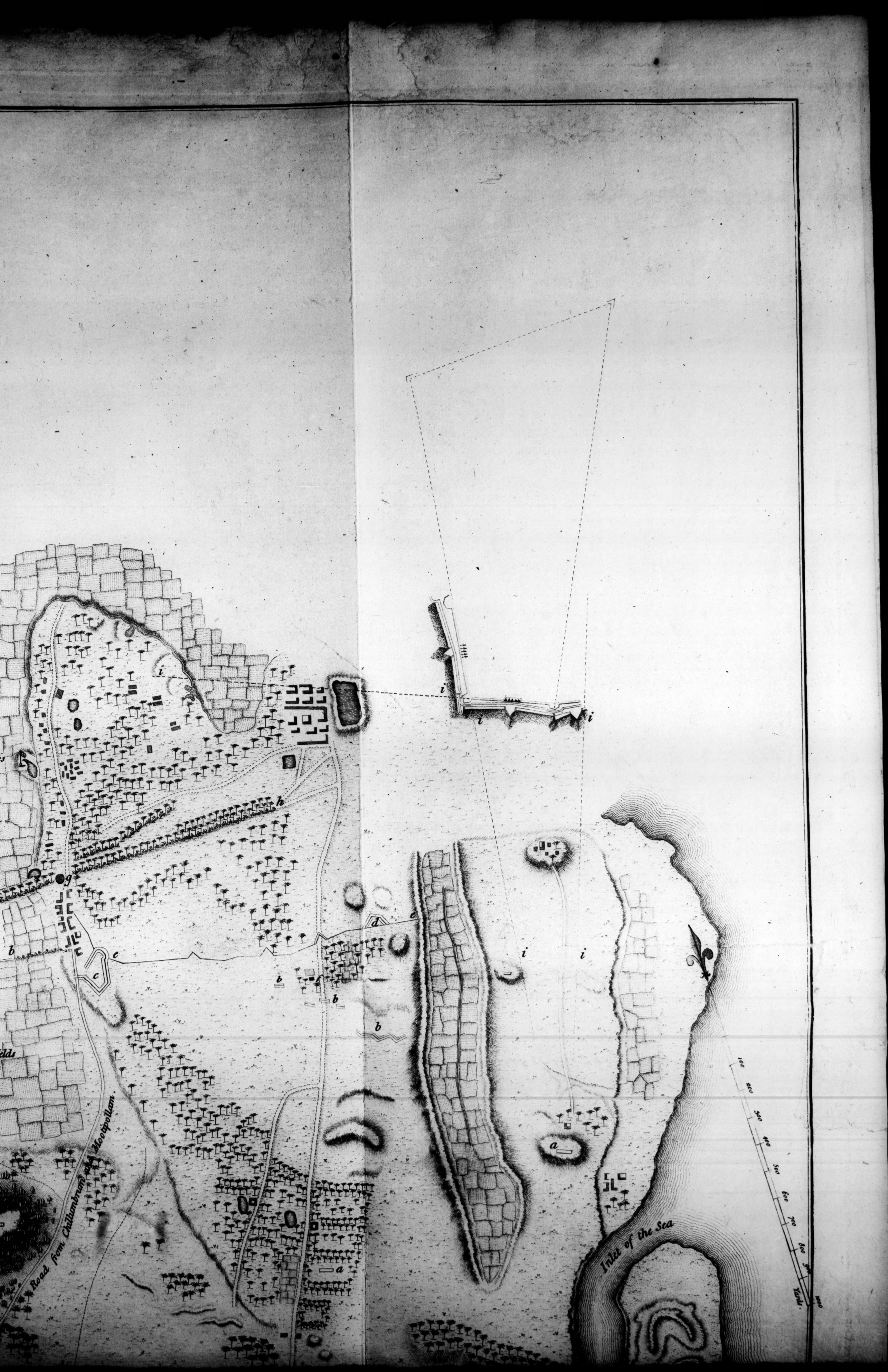
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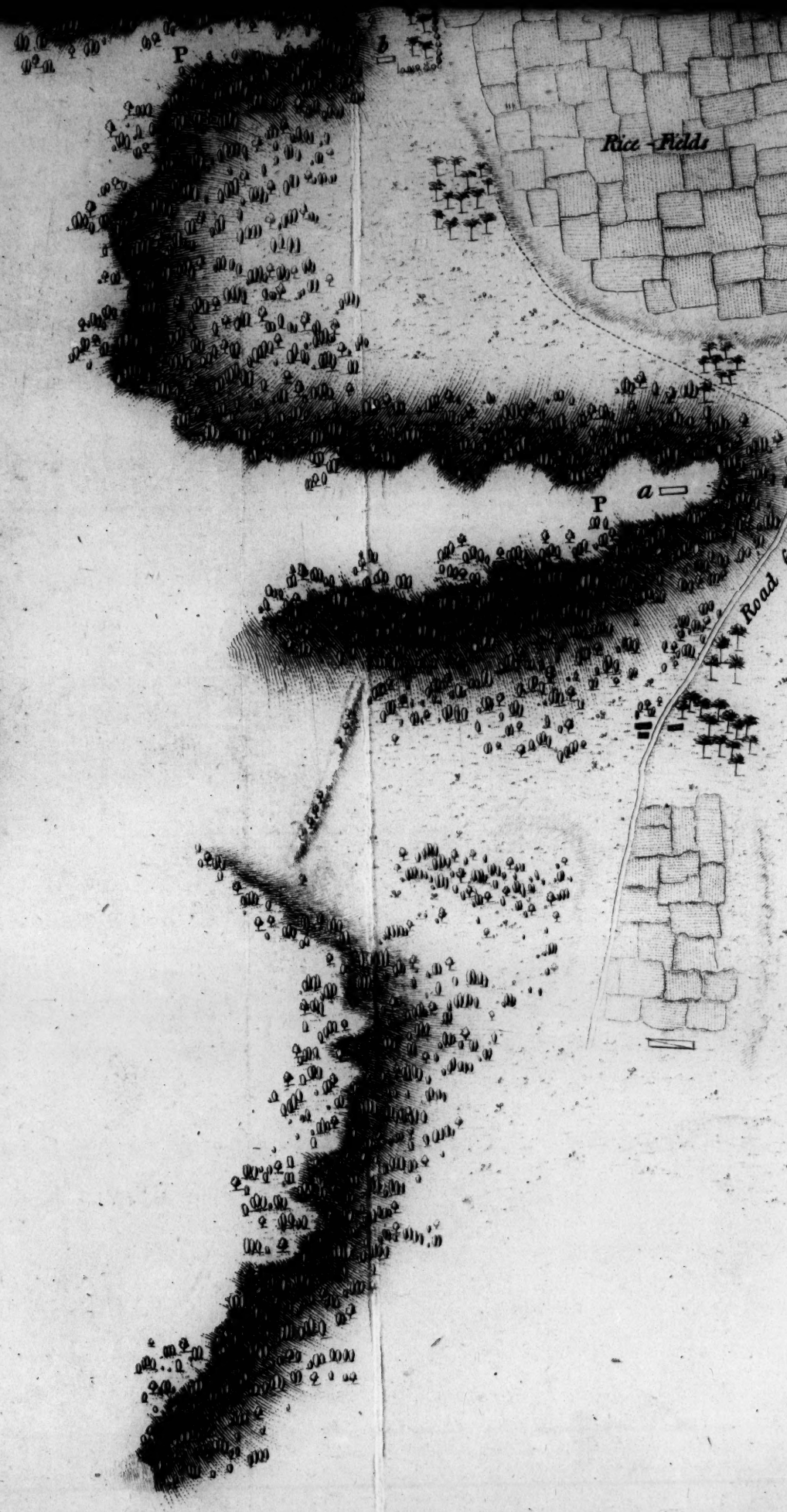
g. *Brick Redoubt.*

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*N.B. There was a Ditch in many parts double, with double Palisades round Cuddalore, tho' not here represented in the Line of the South Front*



Road from Chilhambrum to Mootipollam.

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the cover of ſome field-pieces drawn out from the poſt formerly occupied by Lieutenant Brickmire, ſupported by a body of infantry, that we could not well get round them, without loſing more people than they were worth. Some cattle were taken; and the Chief Engineer, with the Quarter-maſter General, in puſhing forward to *reconnoitre*, were in no ſmall danger from the fire. Colonel Roſs's ſervant was wounded by a cannon ſhot, and a trooper by a muſket ſhot.

Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart, commanding the advanced-guard, formed it with great propriety, from the Beach to a riſing ground, covered

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*ceed under convoy of the Active, and Captain Troubridge has been ſo kind to take on board 20 and one-half leagers of arrack for the uſe of your Army.—My ſervants proceed in the veſſels, and will deliver over the rice and gram to whomever you think proper.*

P. S. *Captain Troubridge informing me that he will remain at his ſtation to the Southward of Cuddalore, the other rice veſſels from Nagore ſhall proceed thither with all poſſible haſte.*

(Signed) B. C.

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EXTRACT.

From Captain Troubridge to M. Gen. Stuart. (Active at Sea, June 6, 1783.) } *I have the pleaſure to inform you of the arrival of the Active. I left Tranquebar the 2d inſtant, and came cloſe along ſhore with the appointed ſignal flying; but, on not being anſwered, I ſuppoſed you was to the Northward. On my coming to Pondicherry, I found you had left that two days; I then fell in with the Iſis and tranſports.*

*Herewith I ſend your Letters, and a liſt of what I brought from Negapatnam and Tranquebar. I ſhould have been up ſooner, but getting to the Northward, having ſeven Chellingas and two paddy boats in tow; they broke all my hauzers; I then found it was impoſſible to tow ſo many againſt wind and current. I took the rice out of one of the paddy boats on board the Active, and ſent her away, the remainder of her cargo being cocoa-nuts, &c. and bound to Madras.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, Negapatam, 31ſt May. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 7.) } *Early this morning the Active frigate arrived and brought me the incloſed Letter* * *from Gen. Stuart, which I beg you to return after peruſal. I proceed to Tranquebar in her, and carry with me all the ſpare boats here, and by to-morrow morning ſhall diſpatch every thing from Tranquebar. In ſhort, I am anxious that this ſhip be at her ſtation, in order to prevent rice and proviſions being thrown into Cuddalore.*

* See page 143. J. S. 1784.

covered with Jungle on our left *, fronting the ſouth face and bound hedge of Cuddalore, while the line was marking out.

The Army was incamped, in two lines, by *one* in the afternoon; and the rear-guard, under Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſton, came to their ground about *four*. By his report, the main body of Seyd Sahib's Army attempted to bear upon him, but to no effect. There might have been about 2000 horſe; and, by my account, *Monſ. Buſſy*, and the principal officers, viewed us from the heights until we entered the Jungle.

No Army ever paſſed the whole of the road we did. Part of the road leads to *Mootipollum*; and, until they ſaw us take up our ground here, the enemy believed we were going *firſt* to Chillumbrum. Several Sepoys and others are come in, who report that their whole force is now *under arms* oppoſite to us.

Whilſt the line was marking out, I ordered the correſponding ſignal to be made from the Beach. The Active came down along ſhore and

* See the annexed plan of the ground ſouth of Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Tranquebar, June 2. (Received 7th.) } *We hear a large ſupply of rice was thrown into Cuddalore by Seyd Sahib on the 27th May. M. Buſſy has alſo bought, for ready money, 5000 bullocks; and Seyd Sahib has collected from the country about Dindigul 2500 bullocks, ſo that the French have now a ſtock of them amounting to 7500.*

Tranquebar, June 3. (Received 7th). *This morning at eight o'clock, news were received from Cuddalore, that on the 31ſt May (Saturday) two French frigates and four ſhips arrived there, from which rice, proviſions, and wood were landed.* M. Buſſy *received on the 31ſt of May a* Perwannah *or Letter from Tippoo Sahib at Coodyalbunder (Mangalore).*

Tranquebar, June 4. (Received 7th.) *One of the ſix French ſhips which I wrote you had arrived at Cuddalore, is ſince come to Tranquebar; the Captain is now on ſhore; two of the ſhips anchored in Cuddalore Roads, the others kept at a diſtance. This morning 21 Engliſh ſhips paſſed this Road in their way to Cuddalore; they had left Trincomalee in purſuit of the above French ſhips who ſailed from thence. Some accounts are received from Bidenore and Mangalore, which I ſhall write you hereafter.*

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anſwered it. I had my people ready to ſend off my letters, requeſting that the troops, &c. might be immediately landed; but no boat came to us: and I have ordered the people to remain the whole night in expectation of one.

Our convoy and proviſion-ſhips are ſeen four miles ſouth of us, and the Admiral has been ſeen off Porto-Novo; but nothing has come to us this day, either from Captain Haliday or Sir Edward.

Our people in general have been ſo much fatigued in the courſe of this day, that nothing elſe, except making a diſpoſition for the *out-poſts*, has been done; and Colonel Roſs has been buſily employed *reconnoitring* in front.

I ſee one ſhip oppoſite to Cuddalore, almoſt in the ſurf; and, by report, is one of the ſtore-ſhips ſent by *M. Suffrein*. The Active, after paſſing our flank, went lower down, and fired ſeveral ſhot at the ſhip; but ſeemingly with no effect. The ſhip guns were ſmall; but the ſhot from the beach went over the *Active*.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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The following NOTE was ſent by a Catamaran-man, intended for the Frigate then in ſight along Shore.

*Camp S. of Cuddalore, June 7. Half paſt One P. M.*

GENERAL STUART's compliments to the Commander of his Majeſty's ſhip a-breaſt of the ſignal, and to inform him, that there is a ſmall deep *inlet* of the ſea betwixt the flag and the ſea, and it will be neceſſary to have ſome rafts made to paſs the men and ſtores from the Beach to camp acroſs that inlet; the General requeſts to have the rafts made on board, and the *maſter* of the ſhip to view it before the troops are landed.

From

## From Major General STUART to Major General BRUCE.

*Camp two miles South of Cuddalore, June 8, 1783.*
*Eight in the morning.*

I HAVE this moment received your Note by the two Catamaran men, and incloſe the Duplicate of the Letter which has been at the Beach oppoſite to our correſponding ſignal ever ſince yeſterday noon, in expectation that the Commodore would have ſent a boat or Catamaran to receive it, as I have no means with the Army.

I have ſent the Deputy Quarter Maſter General, who will be ready on the Beach to conduct you and the troops to camp, but there is a narrow *inlet* of the ſea running up from Cuddalore, which with difficulty can be paſſed without a *raft*. I am buſy preparing one; but I would be glad likewiſe that the Commodore would aſſiſt us in making a proper raft, otherwiſe we ſhall have great difficulty in paſſing the heavy ſtores any where near to the camp; and we have not means to bring them from any diſtance.

There will be a ſignal upon the Beach (the Union flag with a pendant over it), for the troops to land at, which I wiſh to be as ſoon as convenient; ſtill I think it will be neceſſary for Captain Haliday to ſend his *Maſter* to view every thing, and to come on ſhore with you.

Our encampment is huddled together, and not yet in order; but if the tents and camp neceſſaries come with the troops, they will do well enough. *Our arrack is quite out*, and I muſt requeſt that as much as can be landed without delaying the debarkation of the troops, be ſent on ſhore expeditiouſly; likewiſe the money.

*P. S.* In caſe there ſhould be difficulty in paſſing immediately the *inlet* of the ſea, it may be neceſſary to pitch ſome of the tents upon the Beach. The Quarter Maſter of the Hanoverians will bring them from on board ready for the purpoſe.—As I have given a *ſafe guard* to theſe two Catamaran men for the protection of their village, I think they may be intruſted with your anſwer; and they have engaged to find ſome boats to paſs the narrow *inlet*, which ſeparates our right flank from the Beach.

(Signed) J. S.

From

## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp S. of Cuddalore, June* 8, 1783.

THE people I had ſent to the Beach, in expectation of a boat, returned this morning, at nine, without effect. In an hour after, two Catamaran-men came aſhore, from Major General Bruce, with a note to ſay that he waited my orders. I diſpatched them immediately; and, having found a *ford* three miles in our rear, I made the ſignal *there* for the boats to land; and, about five in the afternoon, General Bruce, with Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim, and the whole of the detachment of his Majeſty's 15th and 16th Hanoverians were landed, and were conducted to camp immediately. Their camp-equipage, unfortunately, lies moſtly *under* the rice; and I fear they will be deprived of that cover for a day or two.

There was a difficulty made about landing the money until the freight was paid, which Mr. Welch ſaid was not cuſtomary: however I hope to have accommodated the matter, by ſending Mr. Welch's receipt for the 100,000 pagodas, and making myſelf anſwerable for whatever freight your Lordſhip &c. had engaged to pay; and thus we hope to touch the money to-morrow.

I have a letter * from the Admiral, *now off Porto-novo*, dated the 6th, where he mentions having had intelligence, off Ceylon, that the *Argonaut*, *Cleopatra*, and *Coventry* frigates, had been detached to Cuddalore. He therefore ſtood to the northward, and looked into the Roads here on the 4th, and ſaw one ſtore-ſhip unloading nearly in the ſurf; but that he had intelligence of *four* more under convoy of theſe ſhips.

* See this Letter in the Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes, p. 37.

The Admiral mentions to me the receipt of my * Letter of the 17th of laſt month, and hopes, therefore, that our operations are in a fair way; and adds the neceſſity he will be under, to water at Madras † about the end of the preſent month.

Sir Edward ſays, that beſides the difficulties to water ſo large a ſquadron any where elſe, he had reaſon to think the inhabitants at *Battacalloo*, *Porto-novo*, or *Cuddalore*, would be hoſtile in any attempt he might make to ſupply himſelf *there*.

I have written the Admiral fully ‡ in anſwer; and have taken upon me to aſſure, *that in the hopes of the Southern Army moving towards the Coleroon*, I ſhall order ſuch a force, either to Negapatam or to Porto-novo, as effectually to cover the watering of the fleet.

I have, moreover, repreſented in ſuch ſtrong colours to the Admiral, *the fatal conſequences of Monſ. Suffrein's coming to anchor in the Roads here, before our buſineſs was done (which would not be ſo eaſy or ſo expeditious, now that their wants in proviſions and ſtores have been ſupplied)*, that I am in hopes Sir Edward will be prevailed upon to water at *Porto-novo*, or ſomewhere betwixt that and our preſent encampment.

If ſo, every thing will be as your Lordſhip, &c. could wiſh. I, on my part, with this Army, ſhall loſe not an inſtant in effectually carrying on the important ſervice we are now about.

* See p. 8. Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes. J. S. 1784.

† I confeſs my ſurpriſe was extreme indeed! on hearing, at this time, of the low ſtate of the water on board the fleet, eſpecially as I had every reaſon to believe *(as I did moſt firmly)*, from the correſpondence with Government, that every ſhip in the ſquadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes had, before their departure from Madras roads (May 2d), filled every water-caſk they could carry; a quantity which, according to the beſt of my information of fitting out his Majeſty's ſhips for ſervice in the Eaſt-Indies, might be expected to ſerve for three months, or towards the end of July, inſtead of to the end of this preſent month (June). See the Letter from the Select Committee to me, April 27th; and from the Preſident to me, April 30th. J. S. 1784.

‡ See p. 14. Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes. J. S. 1784.

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The Chief Engineer has been employed the whole of the day in making himſelf maſter of the ground and poſts in front. I have great confidence in Colonel Roſs's abilities; and am reſolved to begin our operations *on good and ſure grounds*, and after allowing proper time requiſite for that purpoſe; and this, in effect, is *no real loſs of time*. We are, mean while, making faſcines, and getting in readineſs.

My principal anxiety now is, *the landing of our rice and ſtores*. It will be a very heavy work, and will interfere with the military ſervice, becauſe almoſt the whole of the Laſcars of the Army muſt be employed in it.

We are run to *eight* days proviſion of rice; and nothing has been this day landed, owing to the miſtake of not ſending a boat on ſhore, the moment I hoiſted the correſponding ſignal.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of Cuddalore, June* 9, 1783.

I HAVE the honour of ſending you a copy of my Letter of yeſterday's date. We have made a beginning to land our rice. It is, as I foreſaw, a very difficult job, without employing almoſt all the Laſcars

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Negapatam, June 4, 1783, 8 P. M. (Received June 9th.)

*On the 2d in the evening, after the departure of the frigate, the French gave out, that ſix of their tranſports and a frigate had arrived at Cuddalore on the 29th* ult. *with ſtores and proviſions; but, judging the ſtory was invented purpoſely to induce me to deſiſt from ſending further ſupplies of rice to your Army, I took no notice of it, and ſet off from Tranquebar, and arrived here yeſterday morning.—In the evening a ſhip paſſed this way to the northward, which I took to be a French frigate.—This*

 *morning*

Laſcars of the Army; but it is of the firſt neceſſity, and every thing turns upon it.

We are preparing every thing in front; and I expect that our firſt operation will be the poſſeſſing ourſelves of ſuch part of the Bound-hedge as is neceſſary for our approaches, *and driving the enemy under the guns of Cuddalore, if not into the place itſelf.* I gueſs they are putting heavy guns on board ſhip, to rake us, if poſſible.

The money, 50,000 pagodas, is landed, in conſequence of my Letter to Captain Haliday; and there is a quantity of arrack alſo landed from his Majeſty's ſhip the Active, put on board by the Hon. Mr.

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*morning I ſaw, at a great diſtance to the North-Eaſt of this, ſeveral ſhips, which I conceived to be Captain Haliday with the tranſports for your Army; I immediately diſpatched off a Catamaran with a Letter to the commanding officer, and at 2 o'clock ſent another; copies of which I ſend you incloſed.—I have this inſtant received a Letter from Mr. Mackintoſh, dated this morning at Tranquebar, informing me, that it was Sir Edward Hughes's fleet that paſſed to the Northward, and that he had diſpatched a Catamaran with all the news to the Admiral: he alſo informs me that one of the French tranſports that was at Cuddalore arrived at Tranquebar during laſt night, but has not learnt what news ſhe brings.*

*I am in great hopes that the Active frigate, on ſeeing the French ſhips at anchor in Cuddalore Roads, would order the two rice veſſels under her convoy, together with the Chellingas, to ſhelter themſelves from the enemy by running into Devicottah river. If ſo, Sir Edward Hughes will have arrived in good time* to ſave them from being captured; *for, with the ſtrong ſea breeze that has prevailed for theſe ſome hours paſt, he muſt have got in ſight of the ſhips off Cuddalore before dark this evening.*

*As Monſ. Suffrein will, in all likelihood, ſend a frigate to cruize off this and Point Callameer, may I requeſt you will repreſent to Sir Edward Hughes the neceſſity of ſending up ſome of his frigates to the Southward, to prevent the enemy deſtroying the rice veſſels at anchor here, and at Nagore; alſo to protect thoſe that are daily expected from the Southward, and from the gulph of Manaar? I this day quieted the alarms of the merchants at Nagore, by aſſuring them that Sir Edward Hughes was only gone to Cuddalore to cut off the French ſhips there, and that his frigates would ſoon be up here to afford them every protection.—I ſhall in the mean time ſend the veſſels as faſt as they are loaded to remain at Tranquebar until I hear further from you, when they will proceed with all the remaining Chellingas.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

EXTRACT.

Mr. Cochrane for the uſe of the Army, which Mr. Kenworthy will take charge of. The rice now ſent by Mr. Cochrane is ſcarce worth mentioning; but he writes that more will come immediately.

General Bruce ſhewed me yeſterday a paper, which I cannot now lay my hand upon, mentioning the quantity of *gram*. To the beſt of my recollection it is greatly under * what is indented for.

* The matter ſtands thus: By the indent in April (N° I. ☞ p. 17.), it will appear that my calculation of *horſe gram* needed from Madras to be ſent *by ſea*, as three months proviſion to the black cavalry and train horſes alone, is there ſtated at 120 Madras garce, which, in bags of ſix markalls each, ſhould amount to - *Bags* 7920
The calculation *there* (left to the agent) for three months gram to the horſes of the General's, field and ſtaff officers of the Army, ſuppoſed, as I do, to be equal to one-fourth proportion of the above, or - - 1980
9900
Received by the ſhip Reſolution (See Note, p. 118), reported to have been ſhipped at Madras, 1210 bags of horſe gram, which, by average report to me, fell ſhort at leaſt one-fifth, and only received at Conjimeer - *Bags* 968
By the invoice in my poſſeſſion of *all* the horſe gram on board of *all* the ſhips under convoy of the Iſis, ſuppoſing the meaſurement to have anſwered, and *the whole* to have been landed, neither of which was the caſe, - - - - Total 2685
3653
Quantity fell ſhort 6247

This difference, being 6247 bags, is the quantity *ſhort of what was commiſſioned by me in April*. It appears, therefore, that little more than *one month*'s proviſion of horſe gram was ſent to the Army, inſtead of *three*; conſequently the cavalry, and all the horſes in the Army, began to be in need ſoon after we came to our ground ſouth of Cuddalore; and *this vexation was ſuperadded to the other cauſes of my uneaſineſs*; particularly after June 16th, when we ceaſed to be the maſters at ſea off Cuddalore.

J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Negapatam, June 5. (Received June 9.) } *I am juſt now favoured with a Letter from Mr. Mackintoſh, dated laſt night at Tranquebar, informing me that the fleet ſet a crowd of ſail after they ſtood to the Northward, which would appear they ſaw ſome veſſels:—That the French tranſport at Tran-*

 *quebar*

The quantity indented for, as I think, was at leaſt 120 Madras garce, of which received at Conjimeer 16 or 17: the remainder I expected by theſe ſhips. This did not include the 23d light dragoons, which will increaſe the demand by one-fourth more. I beg therefore that your Lordſhip &c. will be ſo good to give directions to the Agent to make up the quantity, and to ſend as much more as you can, *now that we are maſters at ſea.* The ſame as to rice. The Commiſſary of Stores has my orders to indent for two field-pieces on galloper carriages and tumbrils, which Captain Sydenham knows how to get in readineſs, to ſend with the light dragoons. We have here, with the cavalry, above 120 diſmounted troopers, who well deſerved to be put on horſeback; *they are ſteady good men:* I am therefore to requeſt, that after his Majeſty's 23d dragoons are ſupplied, the ſupernumerary horſes to that number be ſent with that eſcort; and the commanding officer of cavalry has ſent directions about their being taken care of on the road; but Major Sydenham's aſſiſtance will be much wanted in this buſineſs likewiſe.

I hope, if all the cattle reported to me from Chingleput and elſewhere come ſafe to camp, I ſhall be able to give the Admiral ſome *freſh proviſions*; and, with what I undertook *concerning the watering of the fleet*, we may thus keep them longer for our protection.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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*quebar (lately from Cuddalore), gives out, that ſhe met our fleet off Point Pedro, in her way to Trincomalee after delivering her cargo; and that the Fendant, Cleopatra, and Coventry, that were in company with her, made their eſcape to the Eaſtward.*

*This morning early a ſhip paſſed this to the Southward, which I take to be the French tranſport for Tranquebar, proceeding to Trincomalee.*

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From

## From Major General STUART to Com. HALIDAY.

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June 9, 1783.*

THE troops are come to camp, and were landed ſafely and expeditiouſly. Laſt night I ſent a Letter to General Bruce *open* for your peruſal, which will inform you of every thing. There was alſo a Letter for yourſelf. Let me requeſt every expedition to be uſed in landing *the rice and horſe gram*, and the remainder of the arrack, and the large Catamaran with whatever is neceſſary to land the military ſtores.

I have ſent a battalion with guns to cover the landing-place, and two companies of grenadiers will move nearer to the point of ſand on the South of the Bar, ſo ſoon as the poſt is made fit for them. Six or eight hundred Laſcars are alſo ready at the beach *to carry* from the boats to the road leading to camp. The rice and arrack is what I wiſh the moſt immediate attention to. I have the honour of incloſing to you a Letter * for the Admiral, which I wiſh to be conveyed to him as ſoon as poſſible.

(Signed) JAMS. STUART.

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## From Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp) to Mr. BAILIE, acting for Mr. Ross, Agent, Madras.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June 9, 1783.*

I AM deſired by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that the utmoſt diſpatch is requiſite to bring the rice to the granary in camp, and that whatever is neceſſary in your department, or in taking the average meaſurement, muſt be done *there*, and not at the landing-place, therefore the bags are not there to be opened, only the numbers to be taken; and the General deſires you will ſend your people to watch over the bags ſo landed, and ſend them likewiſe to the granary, in order that the quantity may be exactly aſcertained in camp at a proper time; mean while the buſineſs is not to be delayed, and the General wiſhes to hear from you what objections there are to this mode, becauſe he knows well that the Bengal bag ought to exceed 80 ſears, and expects it will turn out ſo.

(Signed) B. CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

* This was my Letter of June 9th. See page 13, Correſpondence with Vice Admiral Sir Ed. Hughes. J. S. 1784.

From

## From Major General STUART to Captain HEARSEY, Military Grain-keeper.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 10, 1783.

I Now ſend you incloſed from N° I. to N° every paper in my power to communicate to every individual concerned in landing *inſtantaneouſly* the rice, &c. belonging to the Army, and you will, without delay, take care to communicate the notes to all concerned.

I am to the laſt degree affected by the inaction of the two laſt days, and am to requeſt that you will put things in method in concert with Mr. Holcombe and Mr. Roſs's deputy, ſo as my anxiety may be entirely at an end. You will ſettle the delivery of rice to the Dooly boys now at the beach, ſo as they may not be under the neceſſity of ſending to camp for rice, and at the ſame time no miſtakes made in the delivery. The ſame with regard to the battalion and the two grenadier companies now at the beach.

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## From Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp) to Commodore HALIDAY, &c. to be communicated by him to the Captains of the Tranſports.

### (CIRCULAR).

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 10, 1784.

THE exigency of the public ſervice requiring the utmoſt diſpatch in landing whatever you have on board of your ſhip for the uſe of the Army, and on account of the Honourable Company, I am deſired by the Commander in Chief to expreſs to you his concern to find that there has been already ſo much time loſt without landing any thing, and to requeſt that you will bring your ſhip as near to the landing-place as you can with ſafety, ſo as the rice, &c. may be all landed with the utmoſt diſpatch. The receipt of the Gentlemen acting for Mr. Roſs, the Company's agent, or of Captain Hearſey the military grain-keeper, will, as the General ſuppoſes, be ſufficient for the diſcharge of your cargo according to the invoice; and Lieutenant Colonel Davis, Quarter-maſter General, has every neceſſary power to act on the part of the Commander in Chief; and you will accordingly regard whatever Lieutenant Colonel Davis writes to you on the ſubject.

(Signed) B. CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

From Captain HEARSEY to Lieutenant B. CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

EXTRACT.

*Beach, South of Cuddalore, June* 10, 1783.

I AM favoured with yours with the numbers, by requeſt of the Commander in Chief, who may depend upon every exertion being made at the landing-place in forwarding the ſervice. The Letters (circular to the maſters of tranſports) incloſed, have been delivered as directed. I have the pleaſure to acquaint the General, that I ſhall have upwards of 3000 bags of rice on ſhore by ſun-ſet.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, South of Cuddalore, June* 10, 1783.

THE preceding * are duplicates of my three laſt letters diſpatched laſt night by Catamaran.

I have, in the courſe of yeſterday and to-day, received a Letter from Colonel Fullarton, (dated Camp at Judycumbo, one march from Dindigul, May 25, 1783,) which I have the honour of encloſing a copy

* See pages 186. 191. and 193. J. S. 1784.

of.

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From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Negapatam, June 6, 1783. (Received the 10th.) } *I find I have neglected acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 25th May from Killenore by the ſepoys, who arrived here the 3d.—I have diſpatched them with a duplicate copy of Colonel Fullarton's Letter juſt now received, incloſing one to you.—By this Tapal I have alſo received a Letter from Mr. Sulivan in anſwer to mine to him of the 3d; the following is an Extract.*

"*Daraporam was taken by Colonel Fullarton the 1ſt inſtant without loſs*; the place is ſtrong "*and well ſtocked with proviſions, &c. I ſhall be all anxiety till I hear farther about the fleet* "*and Cuddalore.* It will be cruel to loſe the opportunity of annihilating the French power. "*—Eight ſhips of the line, and 2500 troops are on their way from England; they ſailed in* "*January.*"

*Mr.*

of.—It ſeems aſtoniſhing to me that ſo many of my Letters to him have miſcarried; but, fortunately, I have copies of them all. I likewiſe incloſe the Copy of Major Bruce's Letter to me, which makes me very happy in the certainty that the Colonel will have received my Letter of the 31ſt, of which I had the honour to tranſmit to your Lordſhip, &c. the Copy. He agrees in the *firſt importance* of the object we are now here employed about, and mentions, very properly, *the neceſſity of his being further reinforced*, if he is to go further off from us.

*That he cannot be reinforced from this Army until the French are hors-de-combat, is a ſelf-evident propoſition;* and it ſeems to me no leſs ſelf-evident, that the only ſervice, and a very effectual one indeed, will be, for him to march through the Trichinopoly country towards Chillumbrum, and by detachments, or on his way, clear the country (whether at *Terriore* or elſewhere) of the enemy; bringing his battering guns with him, and attacking Chillumbrum, while I am employed here.

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*Mr. Mackintoſh writes me as follows, dated laſt night:* "*The ſhip you ſaw the other evening, was the tranſport that is here now, and I believe ſailed this night for Trincomalee; ſhe has delivered only half her cargo at Cuddalore; the other tranſport was at Cuddalore yeſterday, but the men of war ſailed before.*"

*I ſent a Catamaran to Cuddalore this day in ſearch of the Admiral. The French ſay, we may expect to ſee their fleet to-morrow this way.*

P. S. *Your Letter of the 2d June is this moment come to hand. The copy ſhall be made, and the original forwarded to Major Bruce.*

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EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Daraporam, June 1ſt. (Received at Negapatam the 6th, and the copy by M. Gen. Stuart 10th; at ſame time with the Colonel's Letter to himſelf of June 1, 1783.)

*I encloſe a Letter for General Stuart, which will tell you every thing that I can ſay to you at preſent.—Diſpatch it* inſtanter.

*I am uneaſy at the delays of my Letters mentioned in my laſt, becauſe it wears the appearance of negligence or careleſſneſs on my part, than which there is nothing more diſtant from my habits or intentions.*

*I cannot*

In this way, whether applicable to *diverſion in favour of the other coaſt*, or of the means of *real* enterprize with an irreſiſtible Army towards the weſtward *after our real enemies are extinguiſhed*; I ſay, that in all theſe points of view, *the co-operation of Colonel Fullarton's force will become efficient; and the Carnatic will almoſt ſettle itſelf whenever the French are out of it.*

At preſent every little Killidar or Amuldar has his Peons, receives the Circar ſhare, and waits for the very event I mention, to pay a compliment to a *certain maſter*, and the looty horſe continue to infeſt the roads to the full as much as when the *Myſorean main Army* was here.—The doubt likewiſe, whether the Company's government or the Nabob are to receive the rents, tends greatly to keep the country unſettled.

The French ſhip ſaid to be in the ſurf here near the bar, was not to be found there this morning;—I hope the Commodore has diſpatched a ſhip that will come up with her;—we have at laſt made a beginning to

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*I cannot account for the three days abſence of my Letter of the 18th (May), unleſs it has by miſtake ſlipp'd into the Madras tapal as a Letter of mine to Captain Bilcliffe did into the Trichinopoly one, about the ſame time.—A thouſand thanks to Clerke for his Letters; they are moſt intereſting to me.*

(Signed) WM FULLARTON.

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EXTRACT.

From Captain Knox, Town Major of Tanjore, to Captain Pringle of the Guides. Tanjore, June 7, 1783. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart, June 10th.)

*I ſuppoſe you have ſeen the ſix ſhips ſent to relieve Cuddalore; the fighting ſhips were the Fendant, Cleopatra, and Coventry, the other three were tranſports; one of the latter put into Tranquebar, and ſailed for Trincomalee as ſoon as our fleet was out of ſight of Tranquebar. Colonel Fullarton's Army is gone againſt Daraporam; they had better look out ſharp, that Tippoo does not get between them and Trichinopoly.—The corps with Colonel Fullarton are as follows: The Topaſs battalion, the 1ſt Carnatic battalion, 3d, 6th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 23d, and Sibendy grenadiers.—The 9th battalion at the Annacut.*

P. S. *I have not included the Europeans in the above Liſt; I wiſh Colonel Fullarton's Army was ſtationed near Chillumbrum, he would be able to prevent ſupplies going from the Tanjore country to Cuddalore, and be alſo ready to aſſiſt the General, ſhould he have occaſion for them.*

to land our rice and ſtores, and hope in the courſe of this day to get 4000 bags on ſhore.

*I have ſettled in my own mind the diſpoſition* * *to be made* to drive the enemy from ſuch part of the Bound-hedge as will now be neceſſary for us to occupy, previous to our making our firſt parallel; mean while I avoid *la petite guerre*, though our out-centries are within ſpeaking to each other:—*when I fall upon them, I believe it will be no joke, if they*

* *From the 9th to the 12th of June, I ſpoke ſeparately to M. Gen. Bruce, Col. Stuart, Col. Gordon, Lieut. Col. Cathcart, Lieut. Col. Kelly, to the Chief Engineer Lieut. Col. Roſs, to the commanding officers of artillery Lieut. Col. Elliot and Major Mackay, and to Capt. Pringle of the guides, upon the ſubject of the intended attack upon the French entrenchments, and I mentioned the ſervice I expected from each of theſe officers in their different lines; the high grounds were fixed upon, and ſpots there cleared of bruſh-wood, from whence the 18 pounders under Lieut. Col. Elliot, and the 12 and 6 pounders under Major Mackay, were to play upon the enemy on the morning of the 13th.* *J. S.* 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From C. Haliday to Mr. Mackintoſh, Iſis, South of Cuddalore, 6th June, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 10.)

*I received yours of the 4th inſtant, together with an Extract, for which I am much obliged to you; there is one ſhip at Cuddalore and no more.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Mackintoſh, to Mr. B. Cochrane, Tranquebar, June 8, 1783, eight o'clock, A. M. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 10.)

*Incloſed is a receipt from Captain Haliday for the Letters you ſent him. I am glad he is to the Southward of Cuddalore; our fleet is now under way ſtanding to the Northward. I underſtood yeſterday from the Admiral, that they intended to go Southward.*

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EXTRACT.

From the Select Committee, Fort St. George, to Mr. B. Cochrane, May 31, 1783. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart, June 1783).

SIR,

*Mr. de Buſſy having, in a Letter to M. de Suffrein, which has been intercepted, recommended the making a diverſion, we think it not impoſſible, that the former, if he ſhould eſcape the vigilance of Sir Edward Hughes, may attempt a diverſion in your quarter; we therefore give you this intimation that you may be ſtrictly upon your guard; and we deſire you will take every poſſible precaution for obtaining and tranſmitting to us by expreſs, the earlieſt intelligence of the appearance of an enemy on any part of your coaſt, and of their probable intentions.*

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANT. SADLIER.
A. DAVIDSON.

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☞ *continue much longer as a line in front of us*;—*but, to tell my mind plainly to your Lordſhip, &c. I cannot be eaſy until I have every bag of rice, &c. landed, bearing about conſtantly with me the poſſibility of M. Suffrein* ☞ *daſhing at us (though inferior in force) conſidering what is at ſtake for France.*—Under this impreſſion I employ almoſt all the Laſcars of the Army, without whom I cannot, *with effect*, carry on our approaches.

I am truly vexed to find now by the Paper given to me by Major General Bruce, that there are not 350 bags of horſe-gram on board of all the ſhips, whereas by the * indent, and indeed, *by our immediate demand for ſeven weeks, for the preſent eſtabliſhment, and without the King's regiment, there ought to be near* 7000 *bags.* I don't know where to find a remedy until you can ſupply us, unleſs by writing to Mr. Sulivan and Mr. Cochrane, which I will do immediately; but, to judge from the late ſupplies of grain, I can have no dependance, either as to rice or horſe-gram, but from the Preſidency.

Mr. Welſh received 100,000 pagodas this morning; and I have put in *General Orders* a month's pay and Batta to-morrow to the officers, and the ſame the day following, to the Europeans and native troops in the Company's pay. This will require, as I gueſs, conſiderably upward of 60,000 Pagodas. The military cheſt *was empty*, as I believe; and the demands, in ready money, &c. are infinite. The bullock men are clamorous, and the Laſcars in the pay-maſter's department are conſiderably in arrear more than the Army. Your Lordſhip, &c. will doubtleſs think of all this; to which I add, that *ready money* is required by the people at Tranquebar for whatever they may have ready to ſupply us with.

By the incloſed † paper of intelligence you will find a more exact account of the five ſhips that were lately at Cuddalore than by any hitherto received. The ſtore-ſhip that made her eſcape this morning was the *Garonne*; the other ſtore-ſhip, after unloading, went to Tran-

* See note, page 195. J. S. 1784.
† See Extract, page 201. J. S. 1784.

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quebar, and is gone from thence to Trincomalee: it was the *Fendant* and not the *Argonaut* that eſcorted them to Cuddalore. I collected this intelligence from two French miſſionaries, who, for the preſent, I keep in confinement here. While I am writing, the Quarter-maſter General is come up from the landing-place, and reports having ſeen a very large ſhip of the line which joined the Admiral off Porto-novo, and ſaluted. By his deſcription it ſeems larger than Admiral Parker's ſhip (Cato) expected.

Lieutenant Colonel Davis alſo brought me ſome Letters from the ſouthward, and one in particular from Colonel Fullarton *, of date ſince the taking of Daroporam: I add it to the other Letters, for your information.

There is alſo a Letter from Mr. Mackintoſh, which I give you moſt ſincerely joy of, as concluſive † that the French account I formerly ſent was fabricated; likewiſe a letter from Doctor Falconer at Trichinopoly. I have no time to take copies of them, leſt this material intelligence ſhould be on any account delayed being forwarded to you. It will be eſſential to forward every thing of this ſort immediately to the Governor-general and council of Bengal, becauſe they ſerve as links in the chain connected with a permanent pacification with the powers in India, with commercial advantages.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*P. S.* The papers incloſed are indorſed and marked from N° 1 to 4.

* This was Colonel Fullarton's Letter to me of June 1ſt. J. S. 1784.

† Concerning *this miſtaken report* of B. G. Matthews being ſafe at Bidenore, and how it came to be believed, ſee Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes, p. 41. alſo note ditto ‡, p. 18. alſo Extract from M. Bruce, p. 244. The contrary was the real caſe, and Hydernagur fell April 28, as mentioned in M. Coſſigny's Letter to M. Buſſy, forwarded by me to the Select Committee, June 5. J. S. 1784.

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[Enclosure referred to in the preceding Letter.]

From Major BRUCE Commander at Trichinopoly, to Major General STUART.

*Trichinopoly, June 6, 1783.*

I AM favoured with your Letter of the 31ſt *ult.* accompanying one for *Colonel Fullarton* and *Mr. Sulivan*, which I have forwarded, *firſt* having taken copies to be ſent as Duplicates. All the detachments with the guns, ſtores, &c. that were ordered by Colonel Fullarton on the 14th May, have joined, except from Tanjore; which, in conſequence of being obliged to wait for their ſtores, marched later than the others, but is to-day at Caroor; ſo that it is too late to halt there by my orders, as they will join the Colonel the 8th in the morning.—Colonel Fullarton informs me, that he has taken the fort of Daramporam, he arrived before it the 31ſt *ult.* and they ſurrendered the 1ſt inſtant in the evening; *it is a place of no great ſtrength*, but in it he found a large quantity of grain and gun-powder.

(Signed) T. BRUCE.

I have forwarded the Chit to Mr. Cochrane.

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From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Colonel FULLARTON.

(Copy communicated to Major General Stuart, June 10.)

*Negapatam, June 6, 1784.*

YOURS of the 1ſt came to hand this evening. The Letter * to General Stuart, I forwarded immediately, after taking copy of the ſame, which ſhall be ſent alſo to-morrow. I ſincerely congratulate you on your ſucceſs. I have this inſtant received a Letter from General Stuart (dated June 2d), † a copy of which I ſend you. The Letter for Major Bruce being left *open*, I have had the peruſal of General Stuart's to you ‡ incloſed to Major Bruce, of which the incloſed is an exact copy taken by my friend Clarke, for expedition ſake (my writers being out

* This was C. F.'s to me, dated Daraporam, June 1ſt. J. S. 1784.
† See p. 168. J. S. 1784.
‡ See p. 162. J. S. 1784.

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of the way). The news of the French tranſports arriving at Cuddalore the 31ſt is all true; and, from the great number of Chellingas the French have, I have undoubted reaſon to believe, the *eſſential* ſtores have already been landed, one of the tranſports arrived at Tranquebar the 3d, and ſailed laſt night for Trincomalee. Mr. Clarke wrote you of the fleet that paſſed this to the northward, which has turned out to be Sir Edward by the number of ſhips and his flag, though we have had no communication with him. He this morning appeared again from the northward, and proceeding ſouthward as long as the land wind continued, about two o'clock he tacked, and went back to the northward, without ſending any frigate here for intelligence. I do not therefore know what to think of this; but I ſuppoſe he muſt have got intelligence, when off Trincomalee, of the tranſports ſailing for Cuddalore; *but I am apt to think he has been too late, and that M. Buſſy is now equipped for a long ſiege, and an obſtinate defence.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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## From Major General STUART to J. SULIVAN, Eſq.

*Camp, 2 miles South of Cuddalore, June* 11, 1783.

I HAD the honour to acquaint you, the evening of the day I came to this ground (the * 7th), that every thing in ſituation and proſpect had fully anſwered my expectation; the ſeat of the camp, and the view of the Iſis and her valuable convoy, alſo the boats, &c. that you and Mr. Cochrane had got ready for us. We are landing as faſt as poſſible; but it is a very heavy work, and employs our Laſcars, who ſhould be in the batteries. On looking into the account of the ſhips

* I can no where at preſent find a copy of this Letter (of the 7th) here mentioned. J. S. 1784.

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lading from Madras, I find a deficiency of upwards of 6000 bags of horſe gram *ſhort of the indent* *, beſides the demand of his Majeſty's light dragoons expected; and if it is not ſoon made up from the ſouthern coaſt, or elſewhere, our cavalry will go to ruin, *for we have not more than five days feed.* I pray you therefore to give directions about it to Mr. Cochrane: perhaps the Polygars, who have taken Cowle, may help in this by land.

I have received a Letter from Mr. Hippeſly, and ſome Malabar notes from the Warrior-pollam, and another man about cattle; but the cattle are at ſuch diſtance, that I cannot ſpare Sepoys for the eſcort. *Our* ☞ *duty in ſo large a circuit here, is haraſſing beyond meaſure to the native troops now with me;* therefore I am to requeſt of you to deſire thoſe people to bring the cattle, &c. to ſome place within a few coſs of our camp; and, if needed, ſome Sibendy Tanjore Sepoys may aſſiſt, ſo as our people may return the ſame day. If the cattle come in any numbers, as I hope, my intention is to ſpare ſome to the fleet; *likewiſe I mean to cover their watering at Porto-Novo, which will almoſt entirely* ☞ *remove every reaſon from neceſſity, for Sir Edward's returning to Madras, as is threatened.* I have wrote fully twice to the Admiral upon it; and if I can do this (and with your aſſiſtance I think it can be done,) *I am in hopes he will ſtay for our protection, and to anſwer every great national purpoſe.*

*Colonel Fullarton muſt have received on the 6th inſtant* †, *my orders at Daraporam to move towards me; and I can neither be certain of extin-* ☞ *guiſhing the French power and influence in* ONE *campaign, nor of keeping the Admiral ſupplied from the ſhore, unleſs the force with the Colonel does immediately come near me.*

I ſent a long French Letter to the *Select Committee* which I got at Pondicherry, as ſuppoſed from the officer commanding the detachment at

* See page 195. J. S. 1784.

† This ſhould have been the 8th inſtant. J. S. 1784.

Bidenore,

Bidenore, to Monſ. de Buſſy, concerning its ſurrender; but I mentioned my opinion that it was fabricated: and I am happy to find, by the lateſt intelligence, that General Mathews, Bidenore, and Mangalore are all ſafe *, and the Monſoon will, I truſt, keep them ſo, *till we do for the French here.*

The ſhips of war which convoyed the tranſports with ſtores and rice to Cuddalore and unloaded there, from the 31ſt *ultimo*, to the 2d or 3d inſtant, were the *Fendant*, *Cleopatra*, and *Coventry*, and the ſtore-ſhips the *Dromadaire* and *Garonne*. The laſt was here the 8th, and has now eſcaped miraculouſly. M. Buſſy has thus ſupplied his wants, and ſome men are landed; but they will not therefore eſcape me: and *I think we are very fortunate indeed that the Fendant, &c. did not fall in with the* ☞ *Iſis and her convoy.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

EXTRACT.

*Camp, South of Cuddalore, June* 11, 1783.

WE took up our ground the 7th, on the ſouth front, entirely unexpected to the enemy, ſo as we had well nigh ſurpriſed their Bazar, &c. We loſt a day by the miſtake of *not knowing* from

* See the cauſe of this miſtaken report ‡, p. 18. and †, p. 44. Correſpondence Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Lieut. B. Cloſe (Aid-de-camp) to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated June 11. 1783. } *The General deſires me to inform you, that the moſt he can let you have of ready caſh from the military cheſt, will be St. Pagodas* 8000; *but he does not know when this may happen.*

*This Army will need immediately a ſupply of* (6000) *ſix thouſand bags of gram; and the Commander in Chief requeſts moſt earneſtly that you will exert yourſelf to the utmoſt to provide it.*

☞ *All grain, and every article is free to be ſold at whatever price they will fetch in this Army, without paying any Bazar duty whatever, and you are deſired to let every one know this.*

(Signed) B. CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

the ſea that it was our Army. The landing of ſtores and rice is only now beginning this day. *I am alſo going on ſure ground in front, having now neither rivers nor ſea tides to obſtruct me.* The French have certainly had ſupplies by ſeveral ſhips, from the 31ſt *ultimo* to June 3d. There is no help for it; and I ſhall do nothing deſperate without neceſſity.

I have a note from Major Bruce, of his having forwarded my orders to Colonel Fullarton to return towards the Coleroon. He ſays Daraporam ſurrendered the 1ſt of June. Some grain and gunpowder found there. I ſhall forward to the Select Committee Major Bruce's Letter by Catamaran this night, alſo the laſt Letter from Colonel Fullarton *(dated May 25th)*, where he repreſents "the importance of our preſent "object here, and that he ſhould wait for my explicit plan and orders "at Daraporam, as being at no greater diſtance than Dindigul." This they will now have.

I have forwarded to the Select Committee all your papers of news, eſpecially about the proviſions and ſtore-ſhips lately landing their cargoes.

I have wrote this day to Mr. Sulivan, and only ſtated that I knew Colonel Fullarton muſt have received my orders to return from Daraporam the * 6th inſtant; the reſt was to deſire the Pollygars to bring us all the cattle poſſible nearer to this camp, and that I ſhould thereby be enabled to give a ſhare to the Admiral, *at the ſame time that I cover his watering at Porto-novo, and thus remove the need of his returning to Madras.*

But the chief reaſon of my writing was to let Mr. Sulivan know, that, by ſome miſtake, the gram for our cavalry which I indented for falls ſhort above 6000 bags, and that we are reduced to a few days full feed, and requeſting through the Pollygars by land, and through you by ſea, to have the fulleſt ſupplies poſſible inſtantly. I pray you therefore to attend to this, and ſend us all the horſe gram you can procure for love or money. I have wrote you repeatedly, that whoever chuſes

* This ſhould be the 8th. J. S. 1784.

to bring grain and gram, and every thing elſe, is at full liberty to ſell it at any rate he can get, and deſire the people to come with rice to a *free* market.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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(SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL.)

## From Major General STUART to Captain HALIDAY, commanding his Majeſty's Ships, Iſis, &c. off the Landing Place.

SIR, *Camp South of Cuddalore, 12th June, 1783.*

I HAVE made the diſpoſition, and given out the General Orders for driving all the French out-poſts under the guns of Cuddalore. *The attack will begin preciſely at day-break to-morrow.*

If it can be done without any riſk or inconvenience to his Majeſty's ſhips under your command, I could wiſh they would get under an eaſy ſail *this night*, ſo as to appear off the ſouth point of the ſea-line much about the ſame time. This is meant merely to take off their attention to what *we* ſhall be employed about to the weſt and ſouthward. We ſhall be cloſe in with them on the ſouth ſide, therefore, pray take care how you throw your ſhot; and indeed I have to requeſt of you, not to come within ſhot of the enemy's heavy guns on the beach.

I have ſent *another battalion* to Captain Scott's, in communication with the landing-place; and every thing is done to ſecure our *rear*, while the *front* is buſy; and my particular directions are given, that the landing of the rice, &c. is *not* to be delayed on account of to-morrow's operations.

I have had the honour to receive your note about freſh proviſions. Situated as this Army is at preſent, it is impoſſible for me to promiſe you any regular ſupply *; but having ſent a party *laſt night* to take

* I ſent 100 head of cattle, with ſome ſheep, to Capt. Haliday, for the Admiral, the 15th June. J. S. 1784.

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poſſeſſion of *Chillumbrum*, I hope, nay *I am ſure*, that after that place is ours, every ſhip in the Fleet will be ſupplied with three days freſh proviſions in the week, *and the boats may with ſafety go up the river for* ☞ *good water to ſupply the whole ſquadron.*

I beg of you *to inform the Admiral of this*, and that it was chiefly with a view to the health of his Fleet, that I made the detachment *laſt night to Chillumbrum*, though I can but very little ſpare it, and on the *eve* too of our attacking the whole French force at Cuddalore; but I will ever make more than a common cauſe with the brave ſeamen, who, I am ſorry to find by your Letter, are falling down ſo faſt.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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## From Captain HALIDAY to Major General STUART.

*Iſis, June* 12, 1783.

I HAVE juſt received yours of the preſent (date) and have given the neceſſary orders agreeable to your deſire.

If I can move (wind only preventing), I will.—The *Active* goes down to-night, to protect the rice-veſſels, as alſo to execute the tenor of your Letter.

Much thanks for your attention to our men; and believe me, none more ready to comply with the proſecuting of his Majeſty's ſervice, as, &c.

(Signed) CHRIS. HALIDAY.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp in advance, one mile South of Cuddalore,*
*15th of June*, 1783.

Account of the Action, June 13, 1783. The French Lines and Intrenchments at Cuddalore, ſtormed and carried.

I MOST ſincerely congratulate your Lordſhip, &c. on the ſucceſsful efforts of this brave Army in carrying *at one ſtroke* the whole of the out-poſts and redoubts of the enemy, with * 18 pieces of artillery mounted

* It afterwards appeared by the *returns*, that the preciſe number was 16. J. S. 1784.

mounted in them. Their loſs in Europeans killed and wounded, according to the priſoners report, being 26 * officers and 600 men. We have alſo loſt many excellent officers and brave men.

On the preceding day (the 12th) I called as a council of war the two officers next in command to me, Major General Bruce and Colonel Stuart: I acquainted them with the ſtate of our affairs in general, the Letters I had received from the Admiral, repreſenting the ſickly condition of his men, and the ſtate of the water which might oblige him to return to Madras, alſo the approach of the French fleet; but, above all, the indefatigable induſtry viſible in the vaſt works they were *making* on the high grounds, and lines in communication with the poſt commonly called Brickmires, thus ſtretching along the *neck*, by which we muſt approach the place; and I requeſted General Bruce and Colonel Stuart freely to ſpeak their mind: I had called the Chief Engineer, and the commanding officers of the Bengal and Coaſt artillery, as *deliberative*, deſiring to know, in their different departments, if they were in readineſs in ſo far as regarded materials for cloſing the redoubts, after we ſhould get poſſeſſion, and to form a ſort of *firſt parallel*, and as to guns, with the ſufficient ſupply of ſtores for the enterprize. They agreed that every thing was in readineſs; and we were unanimouſly of opinion, that there was not an hour to be loſt in driving the French from all their out-poſts into Cuddalore, or under the guns.

I immediately preſented the plan I meant to follow in effecting our purpoſe, a copy of which I have the honour of incloſing †. It was in general moſt exactly followed. Lieutenant Colonel Kelly, in the preciſe moment agreed upon, got poſſeſſion of the poſts of the enemy on the Bandepollam hills with their guns; and Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart,

* It was afterwards aſcertained, with ſome preciſion, that the French had *forty-two* officers, and nearly 1000 men killed or wounded in the courſe of the day, June 13. J. S. 1784.

† This was the *diſpoſition* made for the attack, which, together with the *General Orders* and *Returns*, will be found in the annexed *ſcheme* or collection. J. S. 1784.

at the head of the grenadiers, ſupported by Colonel Stuart commanding the advanced piquets on the left, conſiſting of the remains of the 73d regiment under Captain Lamont and two battalions of Sepoys, made a movement to turn the enemy's right flank.

In advancing they ſuſtained ſuch a heavy fire*, and the ground ſo difficult, that with great judgment Colonel Stuart covered his people until he could better *reconnoitre*, and ſome further diſpoſition could be taken to approach the enemy from different quarters nearly about the ſame time. He ſent me a report of his ſituation; and I gave orders in conſequence to the *reſerve* under Colonel Gordon to make a movement in advance to their left, and to Major General Bruce to march from the right in the direction of the *redoubt*, if the ground would admit of it. The General had very properly poſted Lieutenant Colonel Edmondſon upon the ſand hills near the ſea, to ſupport the *four* braſs eighteens, and prevent our being flanked on that ſide.

Upon further information that the redoubt, which principally annoyed the grenadiers, was to be got at, *in the rear*; orders were given for the grenadiers, the reſerve, and the right under General Bruce to cloſe upon the enemy with their muſketry, leaving their guns under cover; and I deſired the commanding officer of artillery to fire three guns as a ſignal, and to continue a heavy fire for five minutes on the enemy's redoubt, in the front, oppoſite to Colonel Stuart and the grenadiers, whilſt the reſerve under Colonel Gordon was moving on: upon our fire ceaſing, the attack on all ſides to begin.

The reſerve, which conſiſted chiefly of the remains of his Majeſty's 101ſt, and of the detachment from the 15th and 16th Hanoverians, with five companies of Captain Muirhead's battalion of Sepoys, advanced in the beſt order imaginable, under the heavieſt fire of muſketry, round and grape, from the enemy, that I ever beheld. The greater

* See the annexed *Plan of the attacks* made on the French entrenchments at Cuddalore.

part had got within the enemy's intrenchments: many of our officers fell there. The detachment of his Majeſty's Hanoverians under Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim and Major Varennius, behaved moſt remarkably well. The Major fell in the attempt.

The company of grenadiers of his Majeſty's 101ſt and the officers of that corps, and the officers and Sepoys of the 20th Carnatic battalion, ſhewed the greateſt ſpirit and ſteadineſs; and, if the other men of the 101ſt had ſeconded the efforts of their officers and their grenadiers and light-infantry, there is not a doubt but the buſineſs would have been over at once; but they did not, and our people on that attack were for a certain time driven back and purſued to a conſiderable diſtance by the enemy.

However, at that preciſe time when the French were in the purſuit, our grenadiers under Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart and Major Moore, with Colonel Stuart and Captain Lamont, with the *precious remains of the 73d*, entered the redoubt * where it was not entirely cloſed, and not only took poſſeſſion of it, but puſhed forward to a poſt called *Brick-mires*, conſiderably in advance, and were for ſome time in poſſeſſion of it with the guns; but obliged to quit upon freſh troops pouring in upon them.

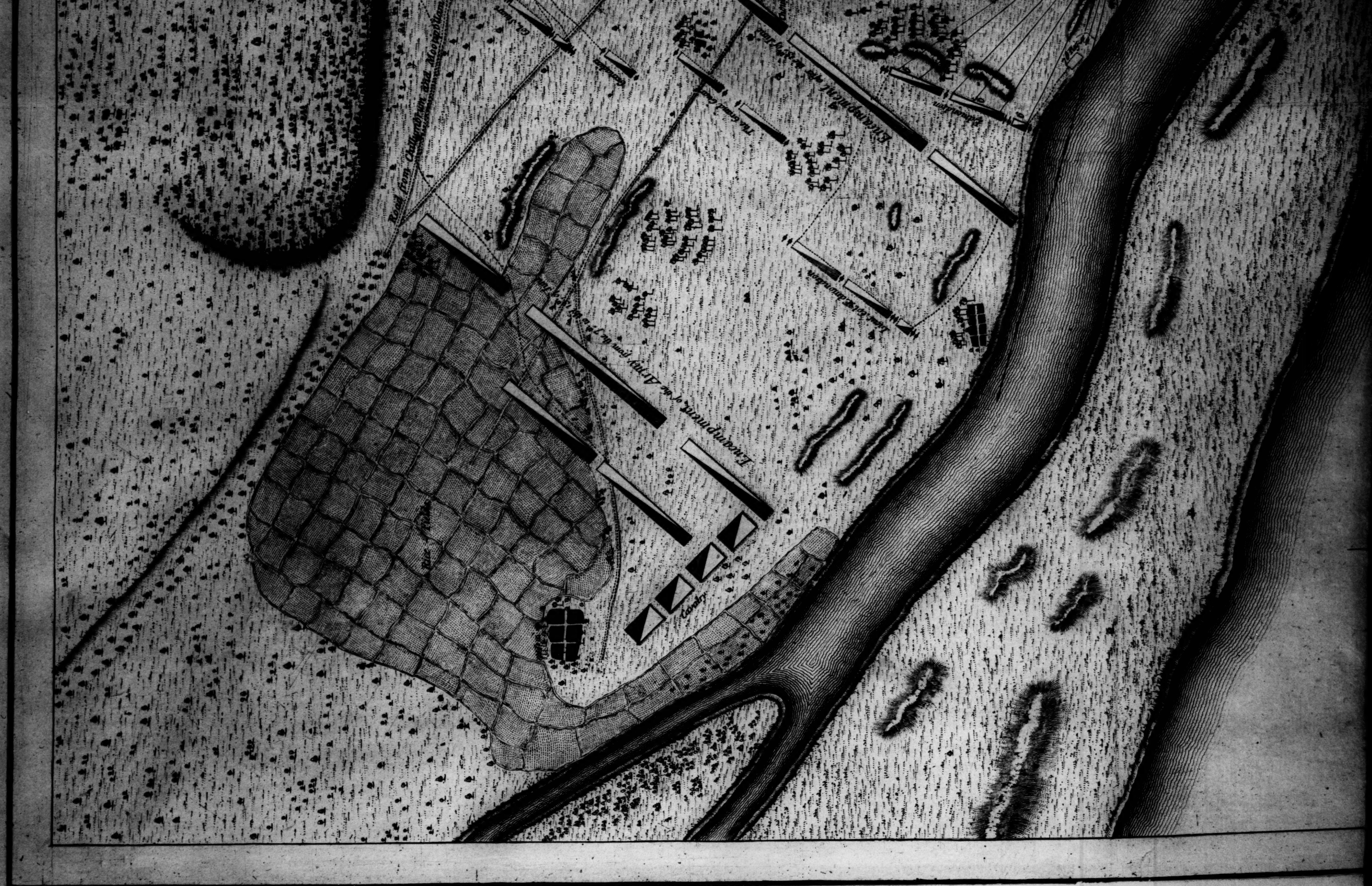
Our people kept hold of the firſt redoubt, as commanding or enfilading every thing in front or to the right of it, and therefore a good point to go from, in our approaches. It was ordered to be cloſed by the Chief Engineer as ſoon as poſſible.

The havock done by our guns from the heights now appeared plain; and having thus ſecured, by Lieutenant Colonel Kelly and his brigade, the commanding points † of the Bandepollam hills, giving an opening to the large tank that lies between them, and ſeeing from thence, in reverſe, the whole Bound-hedge of Cuddalore; and having ſecured a *poſt* to approach from, of ſuch importance as before mentioned, I

* See the annexed *Plan of the attacks*, &c. J. S. 1784.

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Road from Castle Adam to Montpellier
Encampment of the Army pour de Tre de Joie
Cavalry


South Front of Citadel.
D'Aumale
Rice Fields
Commander in Chief's Station during the Action June 13
Major Hardy
Lieut. Col. Kelly
L'Orient
Old Garden
Island of Coconut Trees
Old Garden
Old Garden
Old Garden



Lieut. Col. Kelly
Major Mackay
Road from Chillymbrum and Mootapollam
Lt. Col. Elliot
Ten Eighteen Pounders
Commander in Chief's station during the Action June 13
Rice Fields
Col. Stuart
Col. Gordon
Grenadiers
Major General Bruce
The Grand Guard
Encampment after the 13th of June
Choultry
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East of the Bandepollam Lake

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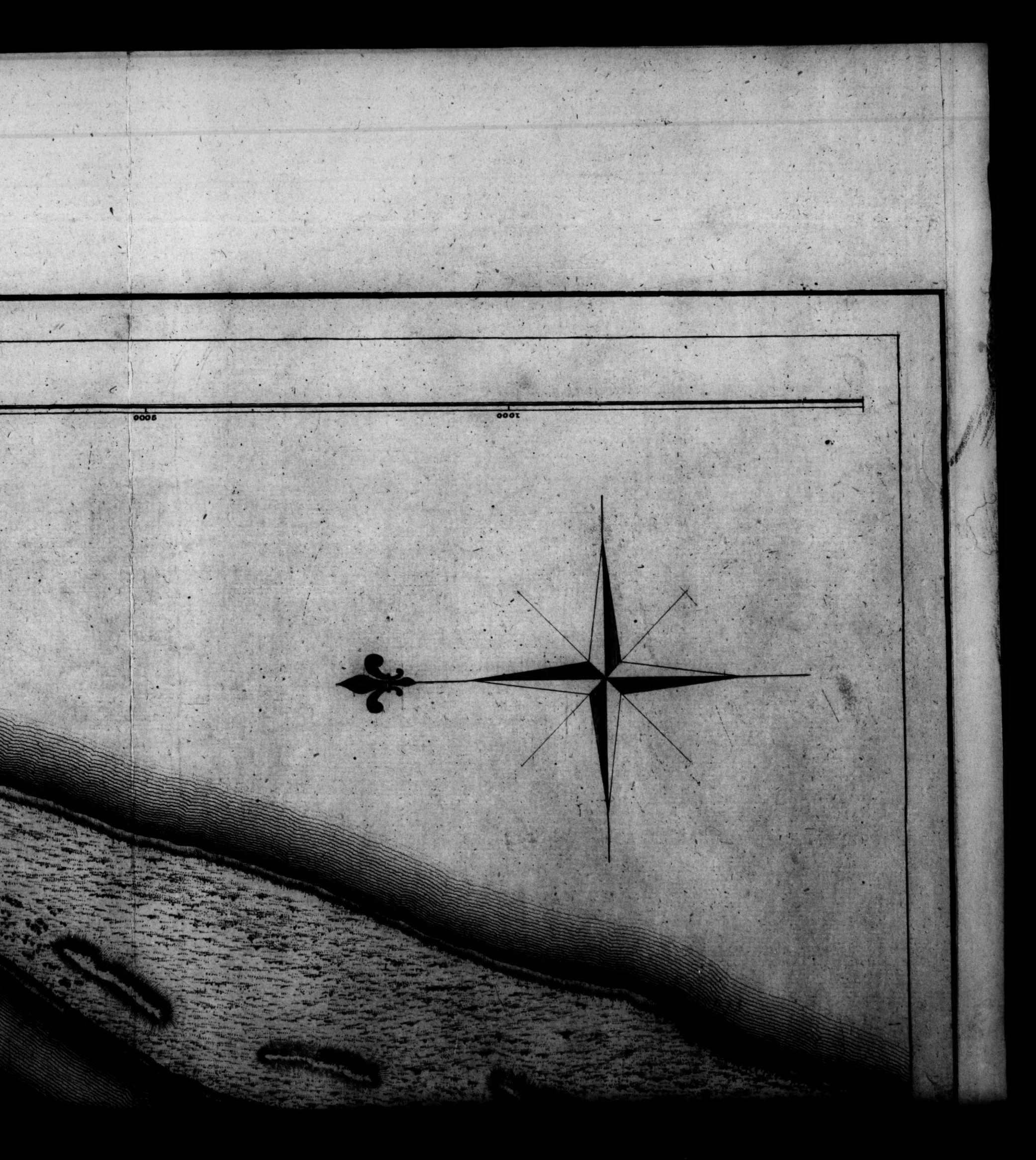
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South front of Cuddalore

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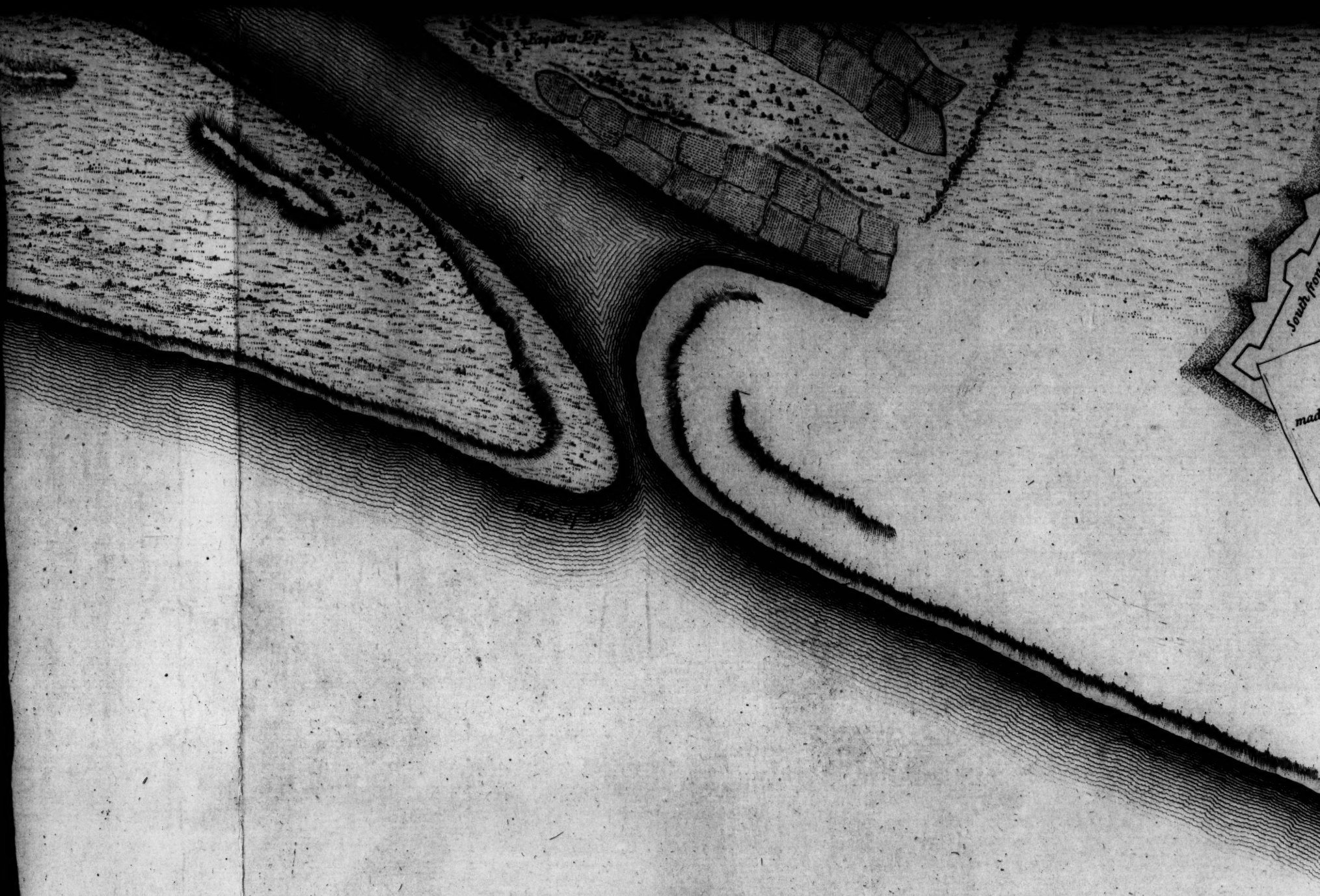
Lieut. Col. Kelly's route through the Pollam to attack the Enemy's posts on the Bandepollam Heights and on the right of their Entrenchments. (2) Position of the European Grenadiers under Lieut. Col. Cathcart until it was known that Kelly was in possession of the Heights. (3) The March of the Grenadiers supported by Col. Stuart with the remains of his Majesty's 73 Regiment and two Battalions of Sepoys, followed by their Guns & the guns of Kelly's Brigade. (4) The Grenadiers kept advancing to the attack of the Entrenchment (A) called by the French La Batterie de Bint from which and from some guns that were placed in the ruined Village on the right of it, they were severely galled by round and grape: Col. Stuart made a movement to cover his men by the Bank (5) When he and Lieut. Col. Ross the Chief Engineer had reconnoitred and reported to the General the nature of the Enemy's Works, Orders were in consequence given to the Reserve under Col. Gordon to advance with their Bayonets to the Entrenchment (A) & to Major Gen. Bruce with part of the Army under him, to march from the right, and advance in the direction of the same Entrenchment; the approach was extremely difficult, & made it necessary to march by files. Gen. Bruce posted Lieut. Col. Edmondson at (6) to support four brass Eighteen Pounders and to keep the Enemy in check on that part of their Entrenchments. Col Stuart remained behind the bank (5) & in the right of the Entrenchment, and Lieut. Col. Kelly kept possession of the heights ready to support the attack allotted to Col. Stuart. At 10 A.M. A signal of three guns was given for the troops to advance. (7) Col. Gordon's March. (8) His Position in front of the Entrenchment. (9) General Bruce defiling through the Wood. (10) His Position at the time that the Reserve, after having sustained a most severe fire, gave way for some time and were pursued by the Enemy who came from their Entrenchments in great numbers. (11) Gene-

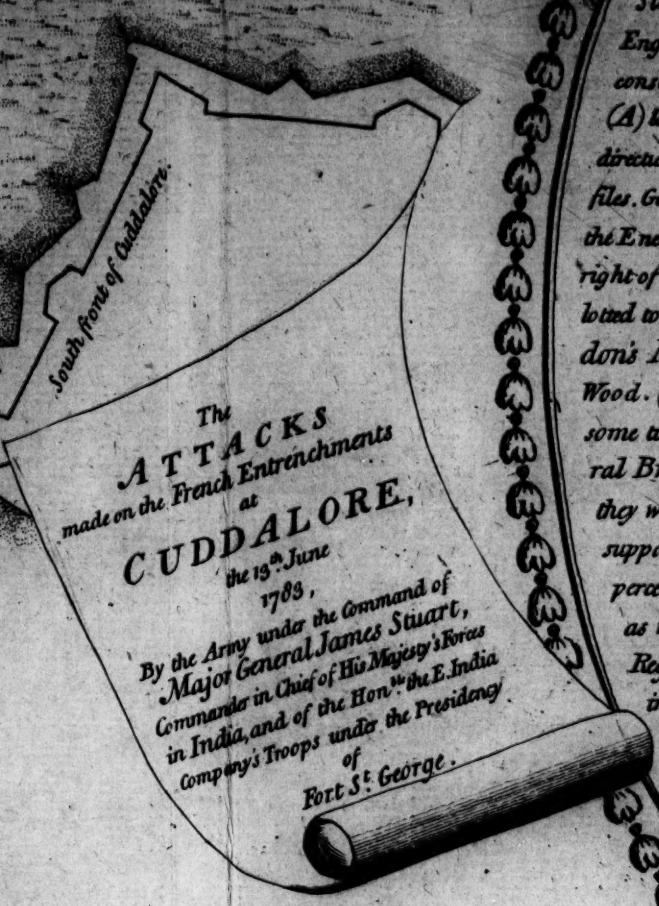

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Drawn by
A Beatson,
Aid de Camp to the Comm.r in Chief.

N.B. There was a Ditch in many parts double with double Palisades round Cuddalore, tho' not here represented in the Line of the South Front.


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Road to Villenore
Water Course from Bangoor Vary
PANAR RIVER
Chinny Chitty's Choultry
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Road to Trivaty
GODALAM RIVER
New
Tripopolore
Sketch
of the
COUNTRY and RIVERS
round
CUDDALORE.

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CUDDALORE
Village
SCALE of English Miles.
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thought it ſufficient for the day, conſidering the number of our brave men that had fallen.

The ſpirits of our people, even after ſo ſevere an action, were ſo undaunted, that I was urged to proceed farther, and to drive the whole of the enemy into the fort the ſame evening, although we muſt have had both heavy guns and muſketry to encounter with; but I declined it, both for the above reaſon, and becauſe from my knowledge of the French, I was ſure that after a night's reflection of what had paſſed, they would not try a ſecond day out of the fort: It happened ſo, for they abandoned in the courſe of the night all their remaining out-poſts, and drew off their guns, excepting three, which we brought into the Redoubt.

The incloſed return * will ſhew to your Lordſhip, &c. the guns we have taken from the enemy; two of them are upon the hill, and two in the redoubt ready to open againſt their former maſters. I ſhall, in a ſeparate Letter, ſo ſoon as I know it † with preciſion, acquaint your Lordſhip, &c. of the loſs on our ſide.

* See the annexed *Returns*. J. S. 1784.

† *It appears from the Returns (annexed), that our Loſs in the Action of the* 13*th was preciſely as follows*, viz.

| EUROPEANS. | | Commiſſioned Officers. | Non-Comm. Rank & File. |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Of his Majeſty's troops,* - - | *Killed,* | 10 | 138 |
| *Of the Company's troops,* - - | *ditto,* | 9 | 13 |
| *Total* | *ditto,* | 19 | 151 |
| *Of his Majeſty's troops,* - - | *Wounded,* | 30 | 347 |
| *Of the Company's troops,* - - | *ditto,* | 4 | 47 |
| *Total* | *ditto,* | 34 | 394 |
| *Total Europeans killed and wounded,* | | 53 | 545 |
| *NATIVE or BLACK TROOPS of the Bengal and Madras Eſtabliſhments,* - - | *Killed,* | 6 | 52 |
| *Ditto,* | *Wounded,* | 14 | 272 |
| *Total Native troops killed and wounded,* | | 20 | 324 |
| *Total of Europeans and Natives killed and wounded,* | | 73 | 869 |

J. S. 1784.

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It is with infinite regret that I mention the loſs of Captain Douglas (of the Honourable Company's troops), Deputy Adjutant General, as an officer, and as a member of ſociety; and the ſame of Lieutenant Peter Campbell in the Company's ſervice, my firſt Aid-de-camp;—Major Varennius fell haranguing his men advancing to the redoubt. The Hon. Captain Lindſay, commanding the grenadiers of the 73d, was wounded and taken priſoner, refuſing to ſuffer his own people to remain behind with him. In a word, nothing I believe in hiſtory ever exceeded the heroiſm and coolneſs of this Army in general, *viſible* to every one; *for it laſted from four in the morning to two in the afternoon.*

Thinking it my duty to give the earlieſt information to the Admiral, I ſent him a Letter, of which the incloſed is a copy *. I have received his anſwer †, by which *I think* we may look for his ſteady ſupport until the ſervice is over; eſpecially as we can now, by the aſſiſtance of a battalion from Tanjore, at Porto-Novo and Chillumbrum, *give him every aſſiſtance both in proviſions and water, which he may need.*—I encloſe to your Lordſhip a Letter wrote to Mr. Sulivan ‡ on that and other ſubjects.

The Admiral, with the whole fleet, is at anchor near our rice ſhips; and, by our laſt accounts, Monſ. Suffrein was ſeen by him to the ſouthward with fifteen ſhips of the line and two frigates.

I have written to Major General Burgoyne to give orders (with the previous information to Government) that 200 Hanoverians, and all the recovered men and recruits belonging to his Majeſty's troops, now at or near the Preſidency, be ſent with the utmoſt diſpatch to us *by ſea*, and I beg leave to recommend to order the ſame, regarding the recruits and recovered men of the Company's Europeans.

* See in the Correſpondence with Vice Admiral Sir E. Hughes my Letter to him, June 14, p. 22. J. S. 1784.

† See ditto, p. 45, the Admiral's Letter to me, June 14. J. S. 1784.

‡ See the encloſure following, p. 218. J. S. 1784.

Your

*To His* MAJESTY.

*SIRE,*

*PRESUMING upon your Majeſty's moſt gracious Cond preſent the Plan and Explanation of the Attack of the 13th June laſt, upon the Frenc Cuddalore, ſucceſsfully ſtormed and carried in open Day, by your Majeſty's Troops, a India Company, with the moſt unexampled Steadineſs and Bravery; under your Maj and Servant, by your Majeſty's moſt gracious Favor commanding in Chief.*

*Camp, South of Cuddalore, 12th June, 1783.*

## General Orders.

ALL Officers, not on Duty, to remain in the Lines. The Laſcars, or others attached to the Artillery, to be at their Stations before Retreat beating this Day. The other Laſcars, or working-parties, and all the Officers whoſe Duty it is to attend and direct the landing of Proviſions and Stores, to continue on that Duty, and to expedite the buſineſs, excepting the Quarter-Maſter-General, and Captain Moorhouſe, who are to remain this Day in Camp. The Surgeon-Major to compleat One hundred and twenty Doolies, to be in readineſs at the ſhorteſt notice, keeping the working-party of the Doolie Boys at the Beach, as compleat as their numbers after that will admit of.

Captain Eidington to do Duty with the 4th Brigade, and Captain Fotheringham to command the Trichinopoly Detachment until further Orders.

The European Pickets that are to mount this Evening at Retreat beating, are to be compoſed of Corps as follows;

The 78th Reg. to the Picket on the Right:
The 101ſt . . the grand Guard in the Center.
The 73d . to the Picket on the Left.

They are to carry Guns with them, according to the Orders the Commanding Officer of Artillery has received.

The Sepoy Part of the advanced Picket are to be reinforced at the ſame time, as follows;

The Picket on the Right, by a Battalion from the ſecond Brigade. The Picket on the Left by a Battalion from the third Brigade; and the grand Guard in the Center by two Battalions, to be given by the ſecond and third Brigades. The Battalion from the fourth Brigade, now at that Poſt, to join the Line as ſoon as the Reinforcement occupies the Poſt.—The Cavalry of the grand Guard to be one Regiment, to march out at the ſame time; the Detail of Cavalry now there to return to the Lines immediately after being relieved.—The Corps ordered on Duty this Evening to march off from their reſpective Lines of Brigade.

An additional Battalion to be given by the 5th Brigade, to be poſted this Evening at 5 o'Clock by Lieut. Campbell Deputy Quarter-Maſter-General, in communication with the Battalion now at the Beach, and for the protection of the people moving to and from the Landing-place to Camp.

The Revellié to beat to-morrow morning half an hour before day-break, which is to be the Signal for the Line not upon Duty, to form in Front of it, and which will be commanded by Colonel Gordon.—Colonel Campbell will at the ſame time diſpoſe of the Cavalry in the way, as communicated to him by the Commander in Chief.—Captain Rolliſon's Corps to be under his Orders.—The Colonel on Duty is, from Retreat beating this Evening, to be with the advanced Poſts.

The Coaſt European Infantry, now in the ſecond Line, to be under the Orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edmondſon to be with the

The Recruits and worſt Men to take the Guards in the Lines; and no Soldiers or Sepoys are to be on any account employed as Officers' Servants, but to do their Duty with Arms.

Commanding Officers of Corps are to take particular care that all the Puckallies are filled at Revellié beating.

12th June in the Evening.

## General After-Orders.

Parole, Old England; Counterſign, Cuddalore.

THE Commander in Chief will be found to-morrow, on, or near the riſing ground, where the 18 Pounders are on the Left; or, if not there, will be where an Union Flag will appear in the Lines.—Major-General Bruce's Station is at the Head of the reinforced Pickets in Advance of the Army, and to be there by three in the Morning.—Colonel Gordon, with the Troops in Front of the Encampment, will obſerve, as the Pickets advance, to move up to their Ground in Front, where the grand Guard is now; and will be ready to ſupport the advanced Poſts.

The Commander in Chief expects that the whole buſineſs of the day will be conducted with that ſteadineſs, good order, and ſilence, that conſtitute the character of veteran and experienced Troops, of which this Army is compoſed.

Quarter and Rear-Guards, to a certain diminiſhed number, to be left in Camp, but compoſed only of ſuch ſort of men as have already been deſcribed in Orders.

In order to prevent miſtakes of the fire from our Front affecting the Grenadiers, who will flank the Enemy from the Right, Lieutenant-Colonel Cathcart will place ſome Camp Colours upon the Guns, or Poſts, as he advances, and ſend accounts to Major-General Bruce of his ſituation.

The Pickets on the Left to be conſidered as the party to ſupport the Grenadiers; and five Companies of Captain Muirhead's Battalion will be upon the Left at three in the morning, to relieve any party from that Picket that may be employed in Support of the Batteries, and to take their place when the Picket marches off.

## General Disposition for driving the French Out-Poſts and Pickets within Cuddalore, or immediately under the Guns of the Place, at 4 o'Clock in the Morning of the 13th June, 1783.

1ſt. At one in the morning Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly will march with the fourth Brigade, led by the two Companies of the Grenadiers, Coaſt Infantry, and the remaining Part of that Corps now with the ſecond Line. When he comes to the

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*Fort St. George, 6th September, 1783.*

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*oops, and thoſe in the Service of the Eaſt-*
*ur Majeſty's Auſpices, your faithful Subject*

*JAMS. STUART.*
*Major General.*

n the other ſpot cleared out, which are chiefly meant
a direction of Brickmyre's Poſt, where the greateſt
the French Troops are now, and where they will
when put into diſorder. Both the Field Pieces and
Guns are to be ſo diſpoſed of, as to be in Battery at
ne morning; and the Commanding Officer of Ar-
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nd to be advanced as the Pickets advance.

ſt Two in the morning Lieutenant-Colonel Cathcart
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*Camp, South of Cuddalore, 25th June, 1783.*

G. O. by Major-General James Stuart.

THE Commander in Chief having taken time minutely to inveſtigate the Conduct and Execution of the Orders and Plan, in attacking the Enemy's Out-Poſts, Lines, and Redoubts, on the 13th Inſtant, with the comparative ſtrength in numbers and poſition of the Enemy, compoſed almoſt entirely of the beſt Regular Troops of France; takes this occaſion to give it as his opinion to this brave Army in general, that it is not to be equalled by any thing he knows, or has heard of, in modern Hiſtory; whether we look to the extent, and entire ſucceſs, or to the national importance of that Day's compleat and important Victory. He takes this occaſion to return his Thanks to Major-General Bruce, to Lieutenant-Colonel Cathcart, and Major Moore, of the Corps of Grenadiers, and to Colonel Stuart, who ſupported them with the Pickets of the Left, and under whoſe Command the French Redoubt was moſt ſucceſsfully entered and carried; to Colonel Gordon, who commanded the Reſerve; to Colonel Pearſe, and the different Field Officers in the various ſtations; to Lieutenant-Colonel Roſs, Chief Engineer, to whoſe Abilities he is much indebted; and to Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly, who with the fourth Brigade, led by the Two Grenadier Companies, and the Reſt of the Honorable Company's European Infantry of the ſecond Line, under the Command of Captains Collins, Sale, and Bonneveaux, ſo ably and opportunely poſſeſſed himſelf of the Enemy's Poſt on the Hills; to Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott, and Major Mackay, under whom our Artillery were ſo well directed that Day; to Captain Lamont, and to the precious Remains of his Majeſty's 73d Regiment; and in general to the Officers and Corps of his Majeſty's and the Company's Troops.—He deſires that Lieutenant-Colonel Wangenheim will inform the Officers and Men of the Detachment compoſed of his Majeſty's 15th and 16th Hanoverians, how much he was ſatisfied with their behaviour on that Day; and that he will not fail, on the firſt occaſion, to repreſent it to his Majeſty. He deſires alſo that the Officers of his Majeſty's 101ſt Regiment, and the Grenadiers and Light Infantry of that Regiment, may know his concern that they were not ſupported as they ought to have been by their Battalion Men on that Day.—In general, the Commander in Chief takes the preſent Occaſion to acquaint the Army, that he has already informed the Government of their particular merit in the Attack of the 13th, and that he will endeavor to repreſent it as it deſerves to our moſt gracious Sovereign, and to our Country.

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from their reſpective Lines of Brigade.

An additional Battalion to be given by the 5th Brigade, to be poſted this Evening at 5 o'Clock by Lieut. Campbell Deputy Quarter-Maſter-General, in communication with the Battalion now at the Beach, and for the protection of the people moving to and from the Landing-place to Camp.

The Revellié to beat to-morrow morning half an hour before day-break, which is to be the Signal for the Line not upon Duty, to form in Front of it, and which will be commanded by Colonel Gordon.—Colonel Campbell will at the ſame time diſpoſe of the Cavalry in the way, as communicated to him by the Commander in Chief.—Captain Rolliſon's Corps to be under his Orders.—The Colonel on Duty is, from Retreat beating this Evening, to be with the advanced Poſts.

The Coaſt European Infantry, now in the ſecond Line, to be under the Orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edmondſon to be with the Picket on the Right.—Lieutenant-Colonel Blane with the Picket on the Left.—And Major Cotgrave with the grand Guard in the Center, from Retreat beating this Evening.

Captain Pringle to ſend Guides to Lieutenant-Colonels Cathcart and Kelly, who will receive their Orders from the Commander in Chief.—A party of thirty Pioneers with Mamooties to be ſent to Lieutenant-Colonel Cathcart this Evening, and a party of the ſame ſtrength, with Bill Hooks, to Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly, at the ſame time.

Upon any application of the Chief Engineer to the Officers commanding in the Poſts, for working-parties, they are to be furniſhed.

party to ſupport the Grenadiers; and five Companies of Captain Muirhead's Battalion will be upon the Left at three in the morning, to relieve any party from that Picket that may be employed in Support of the Batteries, and to take their place when the Picket marches off.

## General Diſposition for driving the French Out-Poſts and Pickets within Cuddalore, or immediately under the Guns of the Place, at 4 o'Clock in the Morning of the 13th June, 1783.

1ſt. At one in the morning Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly will march with the fourth Brigade, led by the two Companies of the Grenadiers, Coaſt Infantry, and the remaining Part of that Corps now with the ſecond Line. When he comes to the Ground fixed upon, he will wait the effect of our Batteries from the oppoſite Heights; and on his way to diſplay his Colours, ſo as to be ſeen from our Batteries, which are to open at Break of Day; and the Colonel will avail himſelf of every advantage to poſſeſs himſelf of the Enemy's Poſts; and, when in poſſeſſion, is to hoiſt a Union Colour, as a ſignal for our Guns to ceaſe to fire.

2d. The Commanding Officer of Artillery will make the neceſſary diſpoſition for placing four Twelve Pounders, and four Six Pounders on the riſing ground in Front of the Height, at preſent occupied by the Enemy; and ſome of them likewiſe to traverſe to the Right and Rear of the French Line, which is now parallel to our Front. He will alſo place ſix Iron Eighteen

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The Commander in Chief deſires the Commanding Officers of the Native Corps, Bengal and Carnatic, will, in his name, acquaint the Officers and Men, of the high ſenſe he entertains of their moſt gallant behaviour on the 13th Inſtant, and on this morning, exceeding any thing of the kind ever known; and that he will, on every occaſion in his power, repreſent it in ſuch a light to the Government of Bengal and Madras, that they and their families ſhall ever be ſupported and rewarded according to their Merit.

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J. S. 1784.

RETURN of the ARMY compoſed of His MAJESTY's and the Honourable COMPANY's TROOPS, commanded by Major-General STUA
Commander in Chief of His MAJESTY's Forces in INDIA, and of the Honourable COMPANY's Troops on the Coaſt of CHOROMANDEL.

CAMP, South of *Cuddalore*, 1ſt *July*, 1783.

## His MAJESTY's Troops in the Field.

| | Officers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | Non-commiſſioned, Rank and File. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Colonel | Lieutenant-Colonels | Major | Captains | Captain-Lieutenants | Lieutenants | Enſigns | Chaplains | Adjutants | Quarter-Maſters | Judge Advocate | Surgeons | Mates | Serjeant-Majors | Quart. Maſt. Serjeants | Drill Serjeants | Serjeants | Drum and Fife Majors | Drummers and Fifers | Drill Corporals | Corporals | Privates | Rank and File | Total, Non-commiſſioned, Rank and File |
| For Duty | | 2 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 51 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 92 | 5 | 57 | 3 | 100 | 1062 | 1165 | 1328 |
| Sick preſent | | 1 | | 8 | | 12 | 5 | | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | 18 | 1 | 8 | | 16 | 414 | 430 | 458 |
| Total | | 3 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 63 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 110 | 6 | 65 | 3 | 116 | 1476 | 1595 | 1786 |

## BENGAL ESTABLISHMENT.

| | European Artillery. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Golandauze, and Laſcars. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bengal Infantry. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | Black Officers |
|---|---|---|
| | | 385 |
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| Privates | Rank and File | Total, Natives |
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| 433 | 519 | 575 |
| 17 | 19 | 22 |
| 450 | 538 | 597 |

RETURN of the Killed, Wounded, and Miſſing, of the Army under Major-General JAMES STUART, Commander in Chief of His MAJESTY's Troops in INDIA, and of the COMPANY's Troops in the CARNATIC, in the Action of *June* 13th, 1783; when the FRENCH Advanced Poſts, Lines, and Redoubts, with their Artillery, before CUDDALORE, were ſucceſsfully attacked and carried.

## His Majeſty's Troops.

1ſt Bat. 73d Reg. Killed. Captain Alexander Mackenzie, 5 ſerjeants, and 20 rank and file.—Wounded and priſoners. The Hon. Captain James Lindſay, Lieut. Simon Mackenzie, jun. and Lieut. James Trail.—Wounded. Capt. John Hamilton, Lieutenants Charles Gorry. D. Rannie, John Sinclair, James Duncan, and George Sutherland, 5 ſerjeants, 2 drummers, and 75 rank and file.—Miſſing. 6 rank and file.

78th Reg. . . Killed. Capt. George Mackenzie, and 9 rank and file.—Wounded. Lieutenants Pat. Grant and Malcolm M'Pherſon, 2 ſerjeants, and 28 rank and file.—Miſſing. 1 ſerjeant, and 1 rank and file.

101ſt Reg. . . Killed. Lieutenants Wm. Elſden, John Moore, John Branthwayte and Charles Roſs, 2 ſerjeants, 2 drummers, and 38 rank and file.—Wounded and priſoners. Capt. S. G. Cole, and Lieut. John M'Gallowray.—Wounded. Captain P. Beatty, Lieutenants Arthur Ingram, John Napier, and Mungo Noble, 5 ſerjeants, 2 drummers, and 84 rank and file.

Detachment of 15th and 16th Hanoverians in one Reg. Killed. Major Varenius, Captain Brunſwick, Lieutenant Cluſman, and Enſign Muller, 2 ſerjeants, and 60 rank and file.—Wounded. Captains Droge, Bar. Scharnhorſt, Bar. Waterhagen, and Zhell, Lieutenants Brauns, Notte, B. Hinnuber, Enſigns Gerber, Iſenbart, Beſt, Warnacke, and Adjutant Chevalier, 1 ſerjeant, 2 drummers, and 141 rank and file.

## Bengal Troops.

Wounded. Colonel D. Pearce.

Artillery . . Killed. 2 bombardiers, 1 matroſs, and 8 laſcars.—Wounded. Lieutenant Edward Brown, Lieutenant Fireworker Egſhaw, 1 ſerjeant, 1 bombardier, 1 gunner, 2 matroſſes, 2 ſyrangs, 1 tindal, 1 coſſob, 1 golandauze, and 20 laſcars.

12th Reg. Sepoys Killed. 1 ſerjeant, 1 ſubidar, 1 jemidar, and 1 rank and file.—Wounded. 1 drummer, and 22 rank and file.

13th Reg. Sepoys Killed. 1 ſubidar, 1 jemidar, and 3 rank and file.—Wounded. Lieutenant Plumer, Enſign Franklin, 1 ſubidar, 1 drummer, and 34 rank and file.

25th Reg. Sepoys Killed. Captain Durie, 1 ſerjeant, 2 ſubidars, and 6 rank and file.—Wounded. Lieutenant Robert Colebrooke, 1 ſerjeant, 1 jemidar, and 31 rank and file.

## Coaſt Troops.

Killed. Captain Walter Douglas, Deputy Adjutant-General, and Lieutenant Peter Campbell, Aid-de-Camp.

European Troop Killed. 1 horſe.

2d Reg. Cavalry Killed. 2 horſes.—Wounded. 1 horſe.—Wounded. 2 rank and file.

Artillery . . Killed. 8 laſcars.—Wounded. 3 corporals, 4 gunners and 5 matroſſes, 2 ſyrangs, and 21 laſcars.

Europ. Infantry Killed. 8 rank and file.—Wounded. Lieutenant John Munro, Quarter-Maſter, Enſign James Rogers, 3 ſerjeants, 1 drummer, and 25 rank and file.

Trichinopoly Detachment Killed. 2 rank and file.—Wounded. 1 ſubidar, 1 jemidar, and 24 rank and file.

5th Bat. Sepoys Killed. 6 rank and file.—Wounded. 1 drummer, and 5 rank and file.

8th Bat. Sepoys Wounded. 8 rank and file.

16th Bat. Sepoys Killed. 6 rank and file.—Wounded. Enſign G. Haddow, 1 ſerjeant, 2 jemidars, 2 puckallies, and 36 rank and file.

18th Bat. Sepoys Killed. 4 rank and file.—Wounded. 1 ſubidar, 2 jemidars, 3 puckallys, and 47 rank and file. Miſſing 2 rank and file.

20th Bat. Sepoys Killed. Enſign S. Powell, and 6 rank and file.—Wounded. 1 jemidar, 2 drummers, and 12 rank and file.

21ſt Bat. Sepoys Wounded. 2 rank and file.

N. B. The 1ſt, 3d, and 4th regiments of Cavalry, 26th regiment of Bengal Sepoys, and the 15th battalion of Coaſt Sepoys, killed, wounded, or miſſing, none.

## General Abſtract.

| | | Officers. | Non-com. Rank and File. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| His Majeſty's Troops. | Killed | 10 | 138 | |
| | Wounded | 30 | 347 | |
| | Miſſing | — — | 17 | |
| Comp.'s Troops, Europeans. | Killed | 9 | 13 | |
| | Wounded | 4 | 47 | |
| | Miſſing | — — | 1 | Total 616 |
| | | 53 | 563 | |

RETURN of the Killed, Wounded, and Miſſing, of the Army under Major-General JAMES STUART, in the Repulſe of the FRENCH, the Morning of *June* 25th, 1783; when the BRITISH Lines were aſſailed by a Sortie of the Enemy from CUDDALORE, under the Command of Colonel V. DE DAMAS, who was taken Priſoner on that Occaſion.

## His Majeſty's Troops.

1ſt Bat. 73d Reg. Wounded. 1 rank and file.

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## Bengal Troops.

24th Reg. Sepoys Killed. Lieutenant Grueber, 1 jemidar, 1 drummer, and 8 rank and file.—Wounded. Captain Williamſon, 1 ſubidar, 3 jemidars, and 18 rank and file.—Wounded and priſoner. Lieutenant Ochterloney.

## Coaſt Troops.

Killed. Major Cotgrave, commanding the 4th brigade.

Artillery . . Killed. 1 rank and file.—Wounded. 1 rank and file.

5th Bat. Sepoys Wounded. 10 rank and file.

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| | Wounded | — — | 2 | |
| Comp.'s Troops, Europeans | Killed | 2 | 1 | |
| | Wounded | 2 | 1 | |
| | | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Comp.'s Troops, Natives | Killed | 1 | 9 | |
| | Wounded | 4 | 30 | |
| | | 5 | 39 | 44 |
| | | | Total | 53 |

## A RETURN of Ammunition expended in the Attack of the *French* Poſts near *Cuddalore*, *June* 13th, 1783.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Round ſhot fixed to ſerge cartridges . . | 18 Pounders | — | 279 |
| | 12 do. | — | 493 |
| | 6 do. | — | 821 |
| Grape ſhot fixed to cartridges . . . . | 18 do. | — | 24 |
| | 12 do. | — | 44 |
| | 6 do. | — | 107 |
| Iron round ſhot . . . . . | 18 do. | — | 491 |
| Cartridges, ſerge, filled . . . . . | 18 do. | — | 491 |
| Tubes, filled . . . . . | 18 do. | — | 1100 |
| | 12 do. | — | 900 |
| | 6 do. | — | 1400 |
| Port fires . . . . . | | | 710 |
| Muſquet-ſhotted cartridge-barrels . . . . . | | | 14 |

A twelve pounder gun run, and dropped at the muzzle, and rendered unſerviceable; and many of the field carriages much damaged.

## A RETURN of Ordnance, &c. taken from the Enemy in their Poſts near *Cuddalore*, *June* 13th, 1783.

### On Bandepollam Hills.

Braſs Guns. Serviceable, mounted, and may be uſed, in the Poſts 4½ Pounders — 2

### In the Entrenchment from Bandepollam Hill to Brickmyre's Poſt.

Iron Guns. Serviceable, the Carriages damaged, and cannot be uſed } 9 Pounders — 1
4½ do.

| | Major | Captains | Captain-Lieuts | Lieutenants | Lieut. Firework | Adjutant | Quarter-Master | Conductors | Serjeant-Major | Quart. Mast. Se | Drill Serjeant | Serjeant-Major, Native Artill | Serjeant-Major, Lascars | Drill Corporal | Serjeants | Corporals | Drum and Fife M | Drummers and F | Gunners | Matrosses | Total | Subidars | Jemidars | Havildars | Naigues | Drummers | Puckallys | Sepoys | Total | Commandant | Conycoply | Syrangs | Tindals | Lascars | Total |
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| For Duty | 1 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 28 | 1 | 21 | 48 | 107 | 237 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | | 2 | 109 | 130 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 37 | 532 | 583 |
| Sick present | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | | | 6 | 15 | 29 | | | | | | | ∞ | 8 | | | 2 | 3 | 31 | 36 |
| Total | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 34 | 1 | 21 | 54 | 122 | 266 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | | 2 | 117 | 138 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 40 | 563 | 619 |

## European Infantry.

| | Officers. Comm. Captains | Lieutenants | Enfigns | Officers. Staff Adjutants | Quarter-Masters | Non-commiſſioned, Rank and File. Serjeant-Major | Drill Serjeant | Serjeants | Drum and Fife Majors | Drummers and Fifers | Corporals | Private | Rank and File | Total, Non-commiſſioned, Rank & File |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Duty | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 22 | 13 | 105 | 118 | 164 |
| Sick present | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 37 | 40 | 43 |
| Total | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 142 | 158 | 207 |

## Native Infantry.

| | Officers. Comm. Captains | Lieutenants | Enfigns | Staff Adjutants | Non-com. Officers. Serjeant-Majors | Quart. Maſt. Serjeants | Drill Serjeants | Serjeants | Native Officers and Sepoys. Commandants | Subidars | Jemidars | Havildars | Naigues | Drummers and Fifers | Puckallys | Sepoys | Rank and File | Total, Natives | Pioneers. Lieutenant | Serjeants | Corporals | Havildars | Naigues | Drummers | Pioneers | Total, Natives |
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| For Duty | 4 | 18 | 42 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 65 | 77 | 359 | 348 | 104 | 71 | 3432 | 4156 | 4462 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 243 | 266 |
| Sick present | | | 5 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 22 | 8 | 5 | 203 | 248 | 267 | | | | | | | 12 | 12 |
| Total | 4 | 18 | 47 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 69 | 81 | 379 | 370 | 112 | 76 | 3635 | 4404 | 4729 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 255 | 278 |

## Engineers.

| Lieutenant-Colonel, Chief Engineer | Major, Director of Engineers | Captains, Sub-Directors of Engineers | Lieutenant, Sub-Engineer | Enfigns, Practitioner Engineers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

**N. B.** The following Staff, not included in the Return, are ſerving with the Army.

- 1 Adjutant-General
- 1 Deputy
- 1 Quarter-Maſter-General
- 2 Deputies
- 6 Aid-de-Camps
- 1 Secretary
- 9 Brigade Majors
- 1 Baggage-Maſter-General
- 1 Deputy
- 6 Quarter-Maſters of Brigade
- 1 Judge-Advocate
- 1 Commiſſary of Stores
- 1 Commiſſary of Muſters
- 2 Paymaſters
- 2 Agents, Contractors for victualing the Europeans

**N. B.** Two Lieutenant-Colonels and one Major, included in the Return of his Majeſty's Troops, doing Duty with the Army; the former as Colonels by Brevet, the latter as Lieutenant-Colonel.—One Colonel of the Bengal Eſtabliſhment doing Duty with the Army.

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| | Wounded | 4 | 47 | |
| | Miſſing | — — | 1 | Total 616 |
| | | 53 | 563 | |
| Comp.'s Troops, Natives | Killed | 6 | 52 | |
| | Wounded | 14 | 272 | |
| | Miſſing | — — | 2 | |
| | | 20 | 326 | 346 |
| | | | | 926 |

N. B. Of the European Grenadiers, King's and Company's, conſiſting of 5 captains, 17 ſubalterns, and 336 non-commiſſioned, rank and file, under the command of the Hon. Lieut. Col. Cathcart, and included above in their reſpective regiments.

| | Officers. | Non-com. Rank and File. |
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| Killed | 4 | 36 |
| Wounded | 8 | 100 |
| Miſſing | — — | 6 |
| | 12 | 142 |

conformable to the Official Returns made at the Time.

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Port fires . . . . . 710
Muſquet-ſhotted cartridge-barrels . . . . . 14

A twelve pounder gun run, and dropped at the muzzle, and rendered unſerviceable; and many of the field carriages much damaged.

## A RETURN of Ordnance, &c. taken from the Enemy in their Poſts near *Cuddalore*, *June* 13th, 1783.

### On Bandepollam Hills.

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| Braſs Guns. | Serviceable, mounted, and may be uſed, in the Poſts | 4½ Pounders | — 2 |

### In the Entrenchment from Bandepollam Hill to Brickmyre's Poſt.

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| Iron Guns. | Serviceable, the Carriages damaged, and cannot be uſed | 9 Pounders | — | 1 |
| | | 4½ do. | — | 1 |
| Braſs Guns. | Serviceable, mounted, and may be uſed | 4½ do. | — | 1 |
| | | 2½ do. | — | 2 |

### In Brickmyre's Poſt.

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| Iron Guns. | Serviceable, mounted, and may be uſed againſt the fort | 18 do. | — | 2 |
| | | 9 do. | — | 1 |
| | | 5 do. | — | 1 |
| Braſs Guns. | Serviceable, mounted, and may be uſed | 9 do. | — | 1 |
| | cannot be uſed | 12 do. | — | 1 |

### Between Brickmyre's Poſt and Cuddalore.

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| Braſs Guns. | Serviceable, mounted, and may be uſed | 3 do. | — | 3 |
| | | | Total | 16 |

Ammunition tumbrils . . . 8
Carts for ſhot . . . . . 4

Your Lordſhip will ſee, from my Letters incloſed to the Admiral, what has been done relative to Chillumbrum, and my reaſons for not loſing a moment in taking poſſeſſion of that important poſt. Lieutenant Brickmyre, who commands, acquaints me, in two Letters, that he has found *thirty-four* pieces of cannon there, and that he is now buſy unſpiking the few that were ſpiked. An infinite number of cannon and muſket-ball has been found; and he has found the means to extinguiſh the fire which the enemy had ſet to the paddy and rice. He thinks he will be able to ſave 8 or 10,000 cullums of paddy, and to diſcover a great deal more, which is hid there and in the country.

The Army lay upon their arms for *twenty* hours after the buſineſs of the 13th was over, and until I had the means to bring our camp further in advance, now that we had ſilenced the guns planted on the enemy's out-poſts. Our right is now within a mile of Cuddalore; but, as I had the honour, in a former * Letter, to repreſent to the Select Committee, and having nearly a brigade to cover our rear and landing-place, and ſo large a circuit of poſts to occupy in front, added to our loſs in *action*, and ſickneſs incident to *fatigue*; I repeat, *that unleſs the force under Colonel Fullarton does come nearer, to co-operate and to take off* ☞ *ſome part of the heavy duty that now falls to our ſhare, this Army will, in a very ſhort time, be melted to nothing, through ſickneſs and other accidents.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

* *See the preceding Letters to Select Committee, p.* 130, ☞ *laſt paragraph; p.* 145, *ſecond paragraph; p.* 177 *and* 178, *firſt paragraph.* J. S. 1784.

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[Encloſure referred to in the preceding.]

## From Major General STUART to J. SULIVAN, Eſq; Reſident, Tanjore.

*Camp, one mile ſouth of Cuddalore, June* 15, 1783.

I HAVE the pleaſure to inform you, that on the 13th we drove the French from all their out-poſts, and took 18 * pieces of cannon. Their loſs, in *Europeans*, I believe, *by report*, to be, killed and wounded,

* See foot-note, preceding Letter, p. 212. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. B. Cochrane, Tanjore, June 8, 9 A.M. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .) } *I ſend under cover with this, a Diſpatch of the greateſt conſequence for the Select Committee, which you will pleaſe ſend off by expreſs Catamaran, &c.*

P. S. *I have juſt received your Diſpatches of yeſterday; if a Catamaran cannot be procured, you will pleaſe to addreſs the Admiral about the conſequence of the Diſpatches to the Committee, as they contain matter of the greateſt importance.*

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EXTRACT.

From Lieut. Hall, Trichinopoly, June 4, through M. B. Cochrane. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .) } *I have juſt time to inform you, Daraporam is in our poſſeſſion, with very little loſs.—Our detachment ſet off for C. Fullarton's camp yeſterday morning, but it will be at leaſt eight days before they can arrive there.*

*The Colonel is collecting his force very faſt.* Captain M'Leod, *with part of the 3d, ſeven companies of the 25th, and his own battalion,* joined (C. F's army) the 30th May, leaving the command of Dindigul *under Lieutenant Smith, with two companies of Sepoys.*

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EXTRACT.

From Major Bruce to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Trichinopoly, June 10, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart June .) } *By the laſt Tapal I was favoured with your Letter of the 8th.—Gen. Stuart's Letter reached me the 6th in the morning, and as ſoon as copies could be taken, forwarded by Harkarah to Colonel Fullarton, and in the evening Duplicate by Tapal; ſome time yeſterday it is probable he received it; as there is horſe about the camp it is likely there might be ſome little delay. As ſoon as the Colonel acknowledges the receipt, I ſhall communicate it to General Stuart.*

*Colonel*

26 officers *, and 600 men. We have not carried it without loſs; but the importance of the object rendered it neceſſary. The enemy are now either under the guns, or within the walls of Cuddalore.

The *infinite advantage which I ſaw to reſult from the immediate poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum*, led me to make a detachment from this Army (when we could very little ſpare it), the evening before we attacked the French lines. I have got poſſeſſion of it; and every aſſurance that I can expect from the Admiral has been given me, that, now we have got it, he will water and refreſh at Porto-novo. The extent which I neceſſarily muſt occupy in our approaches to Cuddalore, ſcarcely leaves a man in this Army off duty; *and, if Colonel Fullarton does not imme-*

* See foot-note, preceding Letter, † 212. J. S. 1784.

*diately*

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*Colonel Fullarton, in all probability, will keep as far weſt as he conveniently can; for there he can find plenty of proviſions, which would be very much the contrary, were he to come into the neighbourhood of Trichinopoly, as he would find it very difficult to ſubſiſt.*

*Daraporam is about 75 miles from hence, and ſhould the Colonel march immediately on receipt of the General's Letter, it will take him ſix or ſeven days to get here.*

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EXTRACT.

Letter, dated Trichinopoly, June 11, 1783. } *Lallé is in full march after the Southern Army.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane, June 10, to M. Gen. Stuart. (Received June .) } *I have a Letter from Major Bruce, dated the 8th at Trichinopoly, wherein he ſays,* " This " moment a Letter is received from Colonel Fullarton, informing me that General ☞ " Mathews was well in Bidenore the 12th May, and that Tippoo has been beat off in two " attacks with great loſs.—Upon this good news I beg leave to congratulate you."

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tanjore, June 11, 1783. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart June .) } " I have reaſon to hope that the ſucceſsful ☞ " operations of the Southern Army, have already " effected the great object of drawing Tippoo's " attention from General Mathews, and that " he is himſelf, or the greater part of his Army, in movements towards the South.

*diately come towards me, we ſhall have half of our people down with ſickneſs and fatigue.*

One reaſon for writing to you at preſent is, that the cattle and ſheep which you may have provided for us may be now with ſafety drove by the Pollygars towards Chillumbrum, in their way here; and I am to requeſt to have it done without loſs of time, becauſe we are, as to our ſtock of cattle, drawing to a cloſe, *and the Admiral muſt have a ſhare, to enable him to remain off Porto-novo for our protection.*

The Commanding Officers at Tanjore and Trichinopoly having failed in their duty, in not ſending me returns of the troops there, I am at a loſs to know where to draw the five companies, or a battalion of Sepoys, which,

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EXTRACT.

From an Officer in Col. Fullarton's Camp at Yarrycotta, June 9, 1783, to Mr. B. Cochrane. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart June .)

*I wrote you a few days ago from Daraporam; which place we left on the 5th inſtant.—Some reports mention that Tippoo's force is coming towards this country.*—The battering guns are ordered into Dindigul, and all the heavy ſtores.

*Captain Clark will join to-day with the laſt of all the troops that have been ordered to join ſince Colonel Fullarton's coming to command.—There will be then 40 field pieces, 3 of which are 18 pounders, and 2 twelve pounders.*

*We are now encamped about half way between Carroor and Dindigul, and whether we fall back or proceed farther, is not known.*

*There is a large body of horſe now in the country, and are very troubleſome in the line of march.—We have had long marches for ſome days paſt, from five in the morning to ſix in the evening.—Daraporam was deſtroyed, and the magazine, which contained 4 or 500 barrels of powder, blown up, and all the guns burſt.*

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EXTRACT.

Letter to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tanjore, June 13, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 16.)

*Letters from Camp (C. Fullarton's) laſt night ſay, That Tippoo is advancing faſt on our Southern Army, and that a large party had got within three marches of it; in conſequence of which it was ſuppoſed, Colonel Fullarton* would fall back towards this country, independent of any order which he received, *it is ſaid, on the 9th inſtant, from General Stuart to join him immediately. They came by the way of Carroor, which is to be deſtroyed.—We expect them here in eight or ten days.*

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which, I think, is abſolutely neceſſary to ſend without delay to Chillumbrum: but I beg of you, in my name, to ſettle the ordering of this detachment, ſo as it be not delayed.

There is, by the return ſent me from thence by the Officer commanding, about 8 or 10,000 cullums of paddy, beſides great quantity of artillery ſtores, and 34 pieces of cannon, part of which he is unſpiking; *and, as the Admiral's mind muſt be put entirely at eaſe, as to the ſafety of his people, both at Porto-novo and in the boats watering high up the river,* my intention is to divide a Tanjore battalion, half of it along the banks from Chillumbrum down the river, and half at Porto-novo.

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EXTRACT.

Letter from Tanjore, dated 13th June. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart through Mr. B. Cochrane, June .) } *Letters from the Southern Army of the 9th mention, that Tippoo Sahib was marching with all expedition for the Carnatic, and that part of his Army was within three marches of the Southern Army, which left Yarrycotta the 10th.*—Yarrycotta is four marches from Carroor; *which place is now deſtroying.*

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EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Coilpettah, June 11, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .) } *I encloſe my anſwer * to General Stuart's Letter of the 31ſt May.—I regret exceedingly that I ſhould have ſo unpleaſant an explanation with him. He muſt have been widely miſinformed of my meaning and intentions.—Be pleaſed to forward the Letter to him without loſs of time.*

I have not yet been able to diſpatch the Letter I wrote to him the 7th; *for I cannot poſſibly, during theſe marches, get my Letters and their encloſures copied and tranſcribed, and entered in the book, eſpecially as my clerk is at preſent ill of a fever, and Patterſon unwell; but the firſt moment of leiſure I ſhall tranſmit to you that Letter, with Mr. Sibbald's Letter; and alſo my Letter to Captain M'Leod reſpecting Dindigul; and I ſhall loſe no time in preparing another copy of my Letter to the General, which I requeſt you to forward as ſoon as it arrives, taking a copy.*

*You may wonder at the difficulty I have, and my delay in diſpatching theſe Letters; but I beg that you will recollect that I have had to ſettle the whole arrangements of all theſe garriſons, and to*

* This Letter from Col. Fullarton to me is dated at *Averacouchy, June* 1[illegible]; and the Colonel mentions his having received my Letter of May 31, upon the 9th of June in the afternoon.

There is not a moment to be loſt; becauſe the Admiral writes to me that he is at his lower tier of water, and only waits for my acquainting him that he may ſend his boats to Porto-novo.

I ordered a Letter to be wrote to the Warrior-pollam man, giving him every aſſurance of protection, and deſiring that he would with his Pollygars drive the enemy from the Chillumbrum diſtrict. I expect great aſſiſtance in the cattle way from this man, and *ſoon.*

You

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*march daily agreeably to orders, which, with the current arrangements of the day, and what I have already written and tranſcribed, leaves me few moments for any other buſineſs.—It is now two in the morning; we march at five for Carroor.*

(Signed) Wᴹ FULLARTON.

N. B. *This Letter is diſpatched one day later than the date of my Letter to the General, which, although written yeſterday, I could not have in readineſs to diſpatch till this inſtant.*

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EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Captain Mᶜ Leod, dated *Camp at Yarrycotta, June* 8, 1783. (Copy received from Col. Fullarton, June .)

*You will be pleaſed to proceed with your battalion to Dindigul, in order to take the command of that place. You will uſe every poſſible effort to render it capable of a long and vigorous defence, in caſe it ſhould be attacked* by a powerful enemy, which, in the preſent poſture of affairs, is not improbable.

*It is neceſſary that you ſhould immediately lay up a very large ſupply of earth, and as much wood as you can poſſibly collect, for the purpoſe of ſtockades, gabions, carriages, and the implements of defence. – You will alſo employ every artificer that can be found in the conſtruction of ſuch works as you may judge to be requiſite.— I ſend along with you the ſtores and ammunition brought from Daraporam,* as well as the heavy guns of this Army; *and a large ſupply of ſtores from it, which to thoſe already in the place, muſt form a very ſufficient ſtock.—You will employ every bullock you can poſſibly procure to carry grain into your garriſon from the different villages and diſtricts dependent upon Dindigul, not only as a ſupply for your own garriſon, but as a reſource for this Army, in caſe it ſhould be found expedient to remain in your neighbourhood.*

*I need not recommend that you ſhould uſe your beſt endeavours to conciliate the good will of the Pollygars, and the inhabitants of the Dindigul diſtrict, for the benefit that may ariſe from their aſſiſtance in gram, bullocks, and matchlock men.—Mr. Digby will ſupply you with* 500 *Pagodas for the immediate expences of your operations, and ſhould he at any time be unable to furniſh the whole ſums that you may have occaſion for, rather than retard ſo important a buſineſs, or*

You will have received my note, where I mention that we are 7000 bags of gram ſhort of what was indented for at Madras. I have wrote to the ſame effect to Mr. Cochrane at Negapatam, truſting that either by land or ſea, our wants in this reſpect will be ſupplied without delay; otherways our cavalry here, and his Majeſty's regiment of light dragoons, *expected in ten days hence*, muſt go to ruin.

The enemy's fleet have been ſeen by the Admiral to the ſouthward theſe three days; they are 15 line-of-battle and 2 frigates. *Sir Edward thinks they are ſhy.* Their intention, as I ſuppoſe, is *to take the firſt advantage that offers to puſh into Cuddalore. It will be difficult, without*

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*the defence of Dindigul, I will advance you money for that purpoſe from my own private funds. I have only to add my aſſurances of every ſupport and aſſiſtance from this Army, and to expreſs my fulleſt confidence, founded on your abilities and character, that Dindigul will never be ſurrendered on any pretence, while you have life to defend* it.

(Signed) Wᵐ FULLARTON.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Mackintoſh to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tranquebar, June 13, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 16.) } *I ſend off a Catamaran this morning at ſix o'clock to the Admiral, with the account of the French fleet being in ſight; they are now at anchor a little to the northward of this place.—I have this evening ſent another Catamaran empty till ſhe gets to the northward of the French fleet, where they are to take the Letters you ſent me this day for the Admiral and General; alſo ſuch intelligence as I have been able to give them; all which I ſent by a truſty Peon along the ſea beach till he gets north of the French fleet, where he is to embark the Letters on the Catamaran.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Mackintoſh to M. Gen. Stuart, Tranquebar, June 14, 1783, 6 o'clock A. M. } *I did myſelf the honour of writing you yeſterday by Catamaran the intelligence I then had, which I hope is come ſafe to your hands. The French fleet is ſtill in ſight to the northward, but now under ſail and ſteering northward: they conſiſt of fifteen ſhips of the line, three frigates, and two ſmall veſſels. I hope Sir Edward Hughes will render a good account of them.*

(Signed) EDWᴰ Mᶜ INTOSH.

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*out a battle*; and there is ſome chance that our buſineſs here of the 13th, which was as deciſive as any thing ever was, will ſhew *the very great probability of their loſing both Fleet and Army, if even Suffrein get his ſhips ſafe to this place; and our being poſſeſſed of Chillumbrum weighs likewiſe in the adverſe ſcale to France.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

*P. S.*

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EXTRACT.

From Major Bruce, commanding at Trichinopoly, to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated June 13, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*Two Harkarahs came in to-day from Tellicherry; which place they left ſeventeen days ago. They aſſure me, that five days before they came away, there were certain accounts from General Mathews, that he was ſtill in poſſeſſion of Bidenore, and that the ſiege was pretty ſmartly carried on by Tippoo, who was there with the greateſt part of his Army.* — Be ſo obliging as communicate this to General Stuart, *and you will much oblige, &c.*

(Signed) THO$^{s}$ BRUCE.

*N. B.* This Note from Major Bruce, and others of the ſame kind from Tanjore, and elſewhere, led Mr. Cochrane to write on the ſubject to the Select Committee, and to the Admiral; but the French Letter which I forwarded the 5th of June to the Select Committee, gave every *minute* particular of the ſiege, and of the ſurrender of Hydernagur to Tippoo the 28th of April. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Captain Archibald Brown, of the Company's troops, to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Madras, June 13, 1783. (Received June .)

*Letters from Trichinopoly of the 12th of May, mention Tippoo's having got poſſeſſion of the Ghauts, but ſay nothing of the fall of Bidenore.*

*Letters from Anjengo to Andrew Roſs of the 23d May, received laſt night, are of the ſame tenor.*

Letters from Col. Fullarton of the 1ſt of June, mention his having taken Daraporam, and his intention of proceeding to the weſtward in two days thereafter; *but nothing of the fall of Bidenore, which I think leaves much room to hope, that the reports of its having ſurrendered the 28th of April, are without foundation,—more eſpecially as Colonel Lang,* when he took Dindigul the 4th of May, was told by the head man of that place *, that Bidenore had fallen to Tippoo.

* See (laſt) Extract, page 109. J. S. 1784.

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*P. S.* Were it neceſſary for me to give additional reaſons for the *immediate junction of Colonel Fullarton's force to this Army*, it would ariſe from the very great loſs in killed and wounded ſuſtained by us on the 13th*, and of the flower of our Europeans.

This to yourſelf.

(Signed) J. S.

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## From Lieutenant SWAINE commanding at Tanjore, to Major General STUART.

SIR, *Tanjore, June* 11, 1783.

I HAVE this inſtant received an *official* Letter from Lieutenant White, aid-de-camp to Colonel Fullarton, commanding the Southern Forces, *dated the 8th inſtant*, from a place about 30 miles South Weſt

* See the exact Return of killed and wounded, p. 215. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

* From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Camp at Caroor, June 13, 1783. (Copy received by M.G.Stuart, June 23.) } *I encloſed to you on the 10th, at three in the morning, my anſwer to Gen. Stuart's Letter, and I told you that the variety of arrangements, and conſtant marches for ſome time paſt, had prevented me from a poſſibility of diſpatching to you ſeveral encloſures for the General, and* my Letter to him of the 7th, from Momparré, one march from Yarricotta:—*I hope, however, that the ſlip which I forwarded to him of that Letter by Harkarahs on my march, will reach him ſafely. I have at laſt got it copied and tranſmitted to you for the General, to guard againſt miſcarriage*;—*and alſo copy of Mr. Sibbald's Letter, which I could not incloſe in the ſmall ſlip by Harkarah to the General.*

*I likewiſe ſend you* copy of my Letter to Captain M^c^Leod, *which was not copied off when I diſpatched my Letter of the 10th to you.—That Letter of the 10th is ſo large, that you will pleaſe inform the General, I cannot poſſibly ſend it by Harkarahs to him; you ſhall have the Duplicate of it to-morrow or next day. I ſhall march to-day to Paddycottah, and ſo on to Trichinopoly. The Tapal from Trichinopoly was taken by the enemy's horſe.*

(Signed) W^m^ FULLARTON.

P. S. *Your Harkarah arrived at eleven at night on the 11th June. I have detained him here, and ſhall diſpatch him to-morrow.*

* This Letter is referred to * page 239, and is here miſplaced. J. S. 1784.

from Caroor, in which he ſays, " *Tippoo Sahib, with a large Army,* " *is actually on his way to thoſe countries;*" and, in another part, he ſays, " *A body of the enemy is now ſaid to be arrived at Coimbatore.*"

As this information may be of material conſequence to you, I have promiſed the Harkarahs a handſome reward if they are expeditious in delivering this Letter.

(Signed) J. SWAINE, Commanding.

*To Major General Stuart Commander in Chief.*

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June* 16, 1783.

ABOUT two hours ago I had the honour to receive your Letter *of the* 10*th inſtant, dated from Averacouchy*, conſiſting of ſixteen full pages, which you may eaſily ſuppoſe I have not time to anſwer particularly, as I obſerve in general that it ſeems to be a diſcuſſion, expreſſed in terms which is not, in my line of command, needed to be here noticed.

What I am chiefly happy at, is to find that you, with the force under your command, will be at Trichinopoly *as this day.*

It has ſo happened that the returns of the ſtrength of corps and garriſons *ſouth of the Coleroon* have not, for many months paſt, been regularly tranſmitted to me. I am, in fact, almoſt entirely in the dark on this point, at this inſtant, and can only repeat to you what I ſaid in a former Letter, " That the important provinces and garriſons to the " ſouthward ought to be left in a good ſtate of defence;" *by which I mean that the number of the troops, the quantity of military ſtores and proviſions, and the character and abilities of the officers commanding are to*

*be*

*be particularly attended to, beſides leaving a force to ſupport the collections in the country.*

In ſo far as I obſerve the points of your Letter, regarding the diſpoſition you have already made, it ſeems to me highly proper. What remains, is to do the ſame by *Tanjore* and *Trichinopoly:* let them have garriſons, with a proportion of *Europeans*, ſtores, and proviſions, *ſuited to their great importance*; and this I leave to your judgment. I deſire that the battering train, and the ſtores belonging, be diſtributed to *thoſe two places*, according to their wants; being in hopes, in a few days time, to land here a ſufficiency for every operation where *cannon of that ſort* are needed.

I accquainted Mr. J. Sulivan, the other day *, of our having taken poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum; and I mentioned the neceſſity for five companies at leaſt being ſent there. I am now to deſire you will ſend, with all expedition, a *complete battalion* to that place, being all that will be needed from the Tanjore country. I ſhall give further orders to the ſenior officer, after they come to Chillumbrum.

What remains of the force lately under your command will conſequently move, with their light guns, towards me; and I wiſh them to move immediately, and to take the route of Warrior-pollam and Palamcottah, leaving with the Warrior-pollam man, a certain force to ſecure him from inſult from an enemy, and to keep him ſteady.

I am informed that there are ſome armed Peons belonging to the enemy at Palamcottah; and it may be neceſſary to uſe force to reduce that place.

*Securing in this way the connection and communication by Chillumbrum, and the other two places, Palamcottah, and Porto-novo, to the ſouthern*
☞ *countries, we ſhall ever have it in our power to diſtreſs the French, were they even to remain in force,* (how much more ſo in their preſent ſtate!)

* See my Letter to Mr. Sulivan, p. 218. J. S. 1784.

*even though Tippoo, as is reported, may attempt returning to the Carnatic, to co-operate with them.*

All the engineers and practitioners ſerving with the Army to the ſouthward, excepting one for Trichinopoly and one for Tanjore, are to join us, with the troops under your command.

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

*P. S.* The cloathing belonging to the *native corps* will be landed here: the *Sepoys* will be cloathed when they join.

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## * From Major General STUART to J. SULIVAN, Eſq.

*Camp in advance, one mile ſouth of Cuddalore, June* 17, 1783.

I HOPE my Letter of the 15th got ſafe to you. *I have ſent it in duplicate to Trichinopoly to Colonel Fullarton.*

I have deſired the Colonel, after providing in every reſpect ſufficiently for the ſecurity of Trichinopoly and Tanjore, leaving the battering train and ſtores proportionably as wanted in thoſe two places, to proceed, as ſoon as poſſible, with the remains of the Army, by the Warrior-pollam and Palamcottah route, with his field artillery only.

He writes me, in date the 10th. I received it *yeſterday*, and immediately wrote to him, to the above effect: I make no doubt of your taking the proper means to provide the part of that Army which moves towards us with money, rice, and other grain in ſufficiency: the cloathing is with the Commiſſary of ſtores here.

By the Letters which I have wrote to the Warrior-pollam man and others, and directions to Lieutenant Brickmire commanding at Chillum-

* *This Letter is referred to page* 19, *State of Facts, Part* II. *It was in common to C. Fullarton.* J. S. 1784.

brum,

brum, I am in great hopes to receive a large proviſion of cattle and ſheep to ſerve both the Fleet and the Army.

The whole of Sepoys that I mean to ſtation at *Chillumbrum in communication with Porto-novo*, will be one battalion; and, if my former Letter concerning Chillumbrum reach you in time, I preſume that at leaſt five companies will have been ſent there from the Tanjore country before Colonel Fullarton's arrival; ſo that, immediately upon the Admiral's return, *he may water the Fleet in ſecurity; a point of the* ☞ *higheſt poſſible importance to us.*

I am now to requeſt that you will give orders for the making of baſket-boats of different ſizes, both in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly countries adjoining to the river, ſo as the communication and tranſporting of grain, troops, and ſtores, may be eaſy; alſo flat-bottom'd boats for the artillery; but the former will be immediately wanted. I have written to this effect likewiſe to Mr. Brickmire. We cannot poſſibly have too many of them; becauſe, beſides their general uſe, as above, it is difficult to ſay *how ſoon they may be needed for tranſ-* ☞ *porting the Army acroſs the rivers, after the preſent ſervice is over.*

Yeſterday, in ſight of the whole camp, and within four miles of it, we ſaw our Admiral and Monſ. Suffrein, with both the fleets, in full force, *manœuvring*; the *French* to get into Cuddalore, *we* to prevent them; and we* ſucceeded in it. From the ſignals, about eight o'clock, I ſuppoſe the Fleets anchored near each other; and this morning they are out of ſight.

I have not the leaſt doubt of Sir Edward coming up with the greater part. I ſee two of our frigates † anchored off the bar; but all our proviſion and rice ſhips are, through fear, gone off for the preſent—God knows where; *and their cargoes are not all landed.*

* This was ſo to appearance at the time of writing. J. S. 1784.

† This was a miſtake, theſe were the enemy's ſhips. J. S. 1784.



I hope

I hope for the *beſt*, and to ſee them again; yet, to prepare for the *worſt*, I muſt again repeat my requeſt, to ſupply us by all means by ſea and land with rice and grain, and of all kinds, and *horſe-gram*, of which we are now in want.

I have wrote to Government repeatedly, to be ſupplied to the utmoſt of their power from the Preſidency. It is the only circumſtance, *at preſent*, which gives me the ſmalleſt uneaſineſs, &c.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*P. S. June 17th, 6 P. M.* The preceding is the duplicate of what I ſent off to Colonel Fullarton, a few hours ago, to Trichinopoly; but I had foreſight enough to tell him *, that, from appearances, Monſ. Suffrein had *out-manœuvred us*, and that he, very probably, would get into Cuddalore roads, leaving our Fleet in the *outſide*.

☞ *It has ſo happened, and I do not know what ſtores, troops, or proviſions, he may land this very night; but nothing will force me to quit my ground.*

I have ſent this likewiſe to Colonel Fullarton, or officer commanding, *in order to be opened, and then forwarded to you*; ſo that I ſhall make no doubt of Colonel Fullarton's proceeding, without delay, with the remains of the Southern Army, after providing for the defence of Trichinopoly and Tanjore, leaving a proportion of *Europeans* in thoſe places, together with the battering guns and ſtores; and to bring his *field-pieces only* with him, taking the route of Warriore and Palamcottah: and I truſt that the force ordered from Tanjore is already at Chillumbrum: *becauſe, though the French have got their Fleet into Cuddalore roads, if they feed Monſ. Buſſy in the military way, our Admiral muſt feed us, and I muſt feed and ſupply his Fleet at Porto-*

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* See the Letter following. J. S. 1784.

*novo*

*novo to windward, with a ſufficient force to protect his watering,*
☞ *by detachment from Chillumbrum.*

In war there are many things, to *firſt appearance* unfortunate, that may ultimately turn out to the contrary. This I truſt and hope is an inſtance of the kind.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

*Camp ſouth of Cuddalore, June* 17, 1784. 7 *P. M.*

SINCE the other Notes have been wrote, M. Suffrein has found means to work himſelf into the Roads of Cuddalore, and our Admiral is (as I ſuppoſe) making a *tack.* But we ſhall find ourſelves on the *outſide*, and M. Suffrein will land as many troops, marines, and ſtores, as he may think proper.

*I will never quit hold, and I now order you moſt poſitively, with all poſſible expedition, to follow the orders I have given you, and to march light by Warrior-Pollam and Pallamcottah, driving with you every poſſible bullock and ſheep you can.*

I was ſure in conjecture, and the event has juſtified it, *that the diver-*
☞ *ſion and the enterprize is on this ſide, and not at Daraporam, or any other place to the weſtward.*

I have not time to enter into any other diſcuſſion with you, but only that you will uſe your endeavours with Mr. Sulivan to provide money and grain to the utmoſt of his abilities, both for the party that joins us with you, and for the reſt of our Army.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

* *This Letter, or as a* P. S. *is referred to p.* 20, *State of Facts, Part* II. *It was in common to Mr. Sulivan.* J. S. 1784.

From

## * From Major General STUART to Mr. J. SULIVAN, and to Colonel FULLARTON.

(Added to the Duplicates of the laſt Letters.)

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June* 18, 1783.

THE French fleet is at anchor in the Roads, and our fleet juſt now appears in the South-Eaſt quarter ſtanding towards them.

☞ *Our Army has not a relief, and cannot ſtand the fatigue much longer.*

Lieutenant Brickmyre writes me from Chillumbrum, *that the enemy now begin to ſee their error in abandoning the place, and he hears they are making preparations to retake it, ſeeing ſo ſmall a force there, and no Europeans*; I am therefore anxious for the reinforcement arriving there by the quickeſt way poſſible, with ſome barrels of ammunition. He ſays they are driving the cattle off in thouſands to the weſtward, but I hope Colonel Fullarton's force will drive them all back again.

It is very poſſible in your route here, after croſſing from Trichinopoly, that you will fall in with much cattle and baggage belonging to Seyd Sahib's corps.—In all events, I am ſure you will find cattle.

*The French Fleet is under way, ſailing along ſhore, not two gun-ſhot from our camp. The Admiral is laying to, waiting for the ſea-breeze.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

* *This Letter, or as a* P. S. *is referred to page* 20, *State of Facts, Part* II. J. S. 1784.

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From

## From Lieutenant Close (Aid-de-camp) to Mr. B. Cochrane.

*Camp, one mile ſouth of Cuddalore, June* 18, 1783.

I AM deſired by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that on the appearance of the French fleet drawing towards Cuddalore roads, our proviſion and ſtore ſhips, and, as he ſuppoſes, *your country veſſels* through fear, with whatever they had on account of the Company, quitted their ſtation, and went, he does not know where!—This he deſires me to mention to you as an additional reaſon to ſend more country veſſels with rice and horſe gram for the uſe of the Army.—*You know that* 7000 *bags of gram at leaſt are wanted.*—You was deſired to ſend 40 leaguers of arrack in addition to what is already here. Not knowing what may happen, you are deſired to ſend 20 more, being in the whole 60.

The enemies fleet have been (*by a fatality!*) in Cuddalore roads;—they are now ſtanding out, and the General will not allow himſelf to ſuppoſe, that they can remain maſters at ſea, eſpecially as our Admiral now appears in the offing.

The chief engineer is very much in want of materials for good gabions, you will therefore ſend at any rate the proper materials of young bamboos with the utmoſt expedition, according to Colonel Roſs's Letter now incloſed. The Colonel ſays, that inſtead of two bales of blue cloth, which you have ſent and delivered, twenty will be wanted, you will therefore ſend eighteen more.

The General acquainted you, in conſequence of your repreſenting to him the preſſing neceſſity of your having *ready money* to a certain proportion, to pay in advance to the merchants for what was ſent to the Army: that he *ſuppoſed* 8000 Pagodas might be ſent you. I now tell you, by his orders, that it cannot be done at once; but he deſires me

to acquaint you that he will endeavour to accommodate you by partial payments, in *proportion to the means here.*

He thinks there is a moral certainty almoſt, either that the French, in caſe of a defeat, will return to anchor off Cuddalore, or that they will make off towards Trincomalee; *and in either caſe that the coaſt* ☞ *will be clear to the ſouthward, and our fleet maſters to windward.*

The Commander in Chief deſires me to acquaint you, that as Chillumbrum is now in our poſſeſſion, he wiſhes you to eſtabliſh a regular Tapal at that place; and that he has given orders to forward the Letters from thence to camp.

*The General has Letters from Colonel Fullarton, that the force under his command will have been at Trichinopoly the* 16*th.* He has given orders to provide for the ſecurity of Trichinopoly and Tanjore, by leaving proper garriſons, Europeans, and natives, and all the battering guns and ſtores there; the remaining part of that Army to move immediately with light guns acroſs the river, and by the route of Warrior-pollam, and Pallamcottah to join this Army. He ſuppoſes the Colonel will have marched this day, and the General ſeveral days ago deſired a reinforcement to be ſent from Tanjore to Chillumbrum. Baſket boats are ready at the proper places.

(Signed) B. CLOSE (Aid-de-Camp).

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

*Camp near Cuddalore, June* 19, 1783.

HAVING ſent in *quadruplicate* my orders to you to proceed towards us with all expedition, croſſing the rivers at Trichinopoly, and by the route of Warrior-pollam and Pallamcottah, I conclude, as a certainty, that you muſt have received my Letters to that effect, and that

that you have done every thing towards placing ſufficient garriſons, with a proportion of Europeans, together with the battering artillery and ſtores at Trichinopoly and Tanjore, according to their wants.

I am now to inform you, that if you move expeditiouſly with your light guns, you will moſt probably fall in with the principal Aumildars employed to the ſouthward by Tippoo, with all their money, cattle, and plunder. I am informed that they are now at Verdachelum, which has been made a ſort of poſt of. There are 6 or 700 of their horſe, and a raſſala or foot battalion, and vaſt quantities of cattle: they have 5 or 6 guns in the poſt. Pallamcottah is abandoned, though very tenable.

I have deſired Lieutenant Brickmire, from Chillumbrum, to ſend you every intelligence; and you will communicate with him on every occaſion.

The enemy find themſelves *pinched* by their abandoning Chillumbrum ſo ſuddenly; and I am uneaſy until I hear that a battalion has been ſent there. It is now ſix days ſince I have wrote of it to Mr. Sulivan, to ſettle the matter with the officer commanding in the Tanjore country, not knowing myſelf where it could be drawn from. I conclude you will bring with you proper guides, who know the country through which you are to paſs; it is moſtly a covered country, where horſe cannot eaſily act againſt you.

I know nothing *certain* of Tippoo Sahib's movements, only that every information agrees that his intentions *were* (as it may be they ſtill *are*) to fall upon you ſo ſoon as his force could be collected for the purpoſe; but I conclude, if you have reached Trichinopoly on the 16th, you will march the 19th, and that no enemy will be in force ſufficient to prevent your proſecuting the march: on the contrary, as already obſerved, you will have the beſt poſſible opportunity to beat up the enemy's quarters, who do *not* expect you at Verdachelum.

My intention is, that you proceed with all expedition, and at the ſame time that you avail yourſelf of every opening to annoy the enemy on your route.

Both fleets *manœuvred* yeſterday, but nothing more. *M. Suffrein* returned to Cuddalore roads, and our Admiral to the Southward. I expect to ſee the ſame manœuvring, with the like iſſue, again this day.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

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From Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-Camp) to Captain HEARSEY.

*Camp ſouth of Cuddalore, Head Quarters,* 11 *fore-noon, June* 19, 1783.

THE General has ſeen your Letter to me of this day, and deſires me to inform you, that it is his intentions on no account whatever to encroach upon the preſent very ſmall ſtock of rice, by ſerving any to public or private followers, excepting in the laſt neceſſity. *He means to reſerve it entirely for the fighting men, until the proviſion-ſhips return*; and therefore you will do your utmoſt to bring every thing to camp; and, mean while, take care of any ſurprize along the beach from Cuddalore, or from Porto-novo, the General having intelligence that ſomething of that ſort is in agitation.

He deſires me likewiſe to mention to you the completing the returns, according to the form he gave, up to the lateſt period; likewiſe to know the total amount, *per* day, in ſeers, of the public followers, and the ſame of the private followers, each ſeparately.

(Signed) B. CLOSE (Aid-de-camp).

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From

From Mr. HOLCOMBE, Deputy to the Maſter-attendant in charge of the Boats, to M. G. STUART, dated from the Beach, June 20th, 12 o'clock, 1783.

EXTRACT.

" I HAVE this minute received your Letter, and am happy to inform you " the boats are all thoroughly repaired, there are 22 Madras boats, con- " taining, with maſtries, mates, and peons, 243 men; one large Catama- " ran with 20 men, and 6 Negapatam boats with 61 men. There are two " Donies lying at the landing-place, both unloaded. *The boats, if employed* ☞ " *to water the fleet at Porto-novo, will (each) carry four butts or leaguers*; and " all the arrack was carried from the beach to camp yeſterday."

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From Lieutenant J. CAMPBELL, Deputy Quarter-maſter General, to Lieutenant CLOSE (Aid-de-camp); from the Beach, Auguſt 20, 1783.

I AM this moment favoured with yours, encloſing one for the Admiral, which ſhall be forwarded as ſoon as I can learn where the Fleet is. *At ſun-ſet both Fleets were at a great diſtance, and the French between ours* ☞ *and the ſhore.* I am, &c.

(Signed) J. CAMPBELL.

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From Captain RICHARD SCOTT, of the Bengal Detachment, commanding at Porto-novo, dated June 21ſt, to Major General STUART. Received ſame day.

☞ *I HAVE hoiſted the Union-colours, agreeably to your orders, in ſuch a poſition that they cannot fail being ſeen at Chillumbrum, as well as at ſea.* In the evening I ſhall diſpatch a note to Mr. Brickmire (at Chillumbrum), and concert means of forwarding the ammunition, &c. ſent for his ſtation, from Captain Moorhouſe's department. I have taken poſt near the European factories, which appears to me the beſt calculated ſtation for protecting the landing-place. The town is extenſive; but, with the out-poſts, and fre-

quent patroles, I hope to prevent inſults, and be prepared for real attacks. The Letter for the Admiral ſhall be forwarded to the firſt Britiſh ſhip of war that anchors here: at preſent I cannot ſee a ſingle ſail. In my former Letter I repreſented *that there are plenty of bullocks on the other ſide of the river.*

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## * From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

[Sent as Poſtſcript to the former Letter, p. 234.]

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June* 21, 1783.

THE preceding is a copy of my laſt Letter, ſince which I have taken poſſeſſion of Porto-novo, by a Bengal regiment, which I can very little ſpare, *not having one relief for the duty of this Army*; but I did it becauſe

* *This Letter is referred to page* 20, *State of Facts, Part* II. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sullivan, Negapatam, June 15, 1783. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*I have a Letter from General Stuart* * *of date the* 11*th, wherein he ſays,* " *that he took up his* " *ground the* 7*th, on the ſouth ſide, entirely unex-* " *pected to the enemy,—ſo as he had well nigh ſur-* " *priſed the enemy's bazar, &c. That a day was loſt by the miſtake of* not *knowing from the ſea that* " *it was our Army, and that the landing of ſtores and rice was only begun the* 11*th; that he is going* " *on ſure ground, in front, having neither rivers nor ſea-tides to obſtruct him: That the French* " *have certainly had ſupplies by ſeveral ſhips from the* 31*ſt* ult. *till the* 3*d inſtant; and that* " *the* Garonne *ſtore-ſhip has ſtole away very cleverly.*" *This ſhip, I ſuppoſe, is the only one left at Cuddalore on the* 4*th, and which, I am told, Captain Gore of the Medea wanted to cut out of the Roads. The enemy muſt have got out all the ſtores in her, as they had fixed ropes from the ſhore to the ſhip, by which they warped the boats to and from the ſhip.*

*He (General Stuart) alſo informs me of his having wrote you a Letter*† *the ſame day to the following purport:* " *That* he knew Colonel Fullarton muſt have received his orders to return " from Daraporam the 8th inſtant, *therefore requeſts you would deſire the Polygars to bring all* " *the cattle poſſible nearer to the grand Army, and that he ſhould thereby be enabled to give* " *a ſhare to the Admiral, at the ſame time that he covers his watering at Porto-Novo,* which " removes the need of the Admiral returning to Madras.

" *That by ſome miſtake the gram for the cavalry, which he indented for, falls ſhort above* " 6000 *bags; and that they are reduced to a few days full feed,—therefore requeſts, through the* " *Polygars by land, or through me by ſea, to have the fulleſt ſupply poſſible inſtantly.*

" *That Chillumbrum was begun to be evacuated the day he took up his ground before Cudda-* " *lore; that it is now entirely ſo, and he has deſired the Warrior-pollam Polygars to take poſ-*

* See page 208. J. S. 1784. † See page 206. J. S. 1784.

" *ſeſſion*

of the infinite importance to cover the watering of the Fleet; and I have ſettled every thing in communication betwixt Porto-novo and Chillumbrum. The two Fleets were engaged yeſterday, from four in the afternoon to dark; but where they are now, or what has been the iſſue of this action, none of us here knows! Some ſhot were heard to the north of Cuddalore, about two in the morning; and one ſhip has been ſeen oppoſite to Fort St. David's. We conjecture, therefore, that attending more to the guns than to the ſails, both Fleets

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" *ſeſſion of it immediately, and requeſts you will ſend ſome Sepoys or Sibendies from Tanjore there:*
☞ " That the Admiral will then have the means of watering to any length up the river, and
" have Porto-Novo for an hoſpital, *and hopes the Admiral will be furniſhed with plenty of*
" *cattle and ſheep for his ſhip's people; which latter circumſtance he ſtrongly recommends.*"

*My Dhobaſh has a Letter from Samy, dated laſt night, who ſays, that he learns by a return Catamaran man, that the French fleet were at anchor off Devicottah, and our fleet off Porto-Novo; if ſo, they muſt have come to anchor again yeſterday, and mean to oblige Sir Edward to take the leeward ſtation in caſe there is an engagement.*

*General Stuart deſired me to ſend you the news, and to mention to you his having wrote you a Letter to the above purport, leſt the Harkarah might be taken.*

*I ſend you an Extract of a Letter from Dr. Rollo, who proceeded to Tranquebar yeſterday.—I have now in Tranquebar roads 24 garce of paddy, and the reſt of the paddy and rice here, and at Nagore, is ſhipping off faſt in the veſſels, that will alſo proceed and remain at Tranquebar until the coaſt is clear.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated, Negapatam, June 17, 1783. (Received June 23.)

*The Tanjore Tapal is arrived with the incloſed Letter from Colonel Fullarton*: I have likewiſe a Letter from C. C. dated Carapatore the 14th June, ſeven miles on this ſide of Caroor: He ſays,* " *The reports were, that Tippoo was moving* " *this way, how true I can't ſay; but* Captain M'Leod, *who has pretty good information,* " *believed it ſo far, that he and every one elſe was very glad when the order for our return* " *back arrived. He, with the 6th battalion and the 19th,* left us for Dindigul *with one* 18 " *and two* 12 *pounders. The five Companies of the 25th are gone back to Madura.—Lieut.* " *Banerman is left with the 23d battalion and* 100 *of Tondemans to deſtroy Caroor, which will* " *take eight days to prepare the mines. He is then to proceed to Trichinopoly; four* 3 *pounders* " *come with him.—Reports ſay* 3000 *horſe are in and about that country; we never ſaw above* " 500, *a few of whom we killed.—We have had ſome very tedious diſagreeable marches from* " *morning till night in the ſun, and ſtrong land winds; our cattle, with the heavy guns, don't* " *get on above a mile an hour where the road is heavy.*

* This was Colonel Fullarton's Letter to me, *dated at Momparré, one march from Yarrycotta, June 7th.* It was incloſed in a Letter from the Colonel to Mr. Cochrane, dated *Camp at Caroor, June* 13. See Extract, p. 225. J. S. 1784.

" *There*

Fleets have been carried to the Northward by the current; *but the laſt ſight of the French, as reported to me yeſterday, was their being betwixt us and the Admiral.*

What I mention to you in the preceding Letter regarding Verdachelum, is not, in my opinion, a conſideration of conſequence to detain you above a day longer, than by the common route of Pallamcottah; at which place I wiſh

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"*There has been a revolution in the Tinevelly country; the Delawah Moodely, his family,* "*effects, and every perſon belonging to him, have been ſeized, and are now all priſoners.*"
*This goes by my Harkarah, who, on his way, is to ſtation the Tapals at Chillumbrum.*

P. S. 6 P. M. *Juſt as I was going to diſpatch this, an expreſs Tapal arrived with the accompanying packet, which Mr. Sulivan left open, in order that I might make a copy of it, and forward to the Select Committee, which I have done.*

(Signed) B. C.

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[Encloſure in the preceding Letter.]

EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. Cochrane, Tanjore, June 16. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 23, 1783.) } *I ſend under your cover with this, a packet for General Stuart; it goes under a flying ſeal, that you may take copies and forward them to General Stuart and to the Select Committee with all poſſible expedition.—A complete ſet of the whole goes incloſed to the Admiral, to be forwarded by Mr. Mackintoſh at Tranquebar.*

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

The Papers thus received by me from Mr. Sulivan were,
Copy of a Letter from Mr. Sibbald, at Tellicherry, to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, dated May 20, 1783.
Ditto, Ditto to the Gov. Gen. Mr. Haſtings, ditto, 23d ditto.
Ditto, Ditto, to Lord Macartney, Preſident, ditto, 27th ditto.

J. S. 1784.

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*N. B.* ☞ REMARKS.

The whole of the Papers forwarded to me on this occaſion will appear at full length, in like manner as is the correſpondence of Mr. Sulivan and Mr. Sibbald *; —they are, moreover, *on public record.*

I cannot, however, refrain from obſerving in this place, that the Letters of *Gentlemen in the civil line* of the Company's ſervice, thus treating of military plans and operations, which in *their ſphere* they were not to execute, need in diſcuſſion very little other comment

* See Foot-Notes, pages 167 to 170. J. S. 1784.

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wiſh you to leave two companies of Sepoys, if they can be provided with rice from the Warrior-Pollam country, and the place *entire*.

I conclude that my firſt Letter dated the 16th *will have reached you the 19th*, being the *third* day after you expected to arrive at Trichinopoly, which makes me imagine that you would have every thing in readineſs to march much about that time (*19th or 20th*).

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than, 1ſt, To refer to the *true* deſcription of the hilly back country weſt of the Carnatic, and the ſeaſon of the year in which theſe Gentlemen adviſe to lead our Armies there, ſuppoſing the ſmalleſt attention to be had to the conſtitution of *Europeans* in that climate, or to guard againſt the moſt probable accidents in war.

2d, If we refer to the political circumſtances affecting Britain at that criſis,—the combination of the French and Dutch againſt us,—the poſition and ſtrength of the French in the Carnatic; in a word, the infinite importance of the *laſt great ſtake we were then playing for in India*, at the preciſe time when theſe Gentlemen were adviſing, in all different ways, the *ſeparating*, inſtead of the *concentering*, of our force at Cuddalore at this critical period.

3d, If we refer to the very limited military reſources in efficient good troops, with draught and carriage cattle for guns and proviſions, with other equipments abſolutely needed in *inland* enterpriſes, that could ſeparately be collected to the Southward at the time of their writing; and, whether ſo circumſtanced, that force, *unſupported by cavalry*, could, practically ſpeaking, operate with any probable chance of ſecuring to themſelves even bare ſubſiſtence *at a diſtance from our own frontiers, or from the ſea on either coaſt*; and much leſs of making any ſerious impreſſion towards Seringapatam, as was ſuppoſed, and even *aſſerted by ſpeculators*.

☞ In fact, the operations of the force under Colonel Fullarton were comparatively ſo trivial in the eye of the enemy, that they never drew off any troops from the Myſore Army, although the report to the contrary, was not only * believed by Mr. S. and C. F. but likewiſe led to the *very ſtrange demand* made for reinforcements from our Army at Cuddalore †, in the very heat of conflict with the French: it led alſo, as I think, to the movement of the Southern force nearer to me, and to the Coleroon *in that expectation*, even before my Letter, of May 31ſt, was received by Col. Fullarton, as may be conjectured from dates ‡ and correſpondence in the beginning of June.

I ſhould reaſon in this manner, upon the impolitic meaſure of keeping *two ſeparate* Armies North and South of the Coleroon (after ſecuring the Tinevelly § provinces by the taking of Dindigul, May 4th), even if Bidenore and Hydernagur had not fallen to

* See Ext. Mr. J. S. to Mr. B. C. p. 219; and Lieut. Swaine to M. G. S. 225, and other collateral intelligence. J. S. 1784.

† See p. 200. 253. and ☞ 263. J. S. 1784.

‡ See in particular the Letter from C. F. to Capt. Macleod, p. 222, which was dated Yarrycotta, June 8th; whereas, by C. F.'s to me, dated 10th June, from Averacouchy, he had not received mine of May 31ſt, until the afternoon of June 9th. J. S. 1784.

§ See Ext. from Mr. Irwine, p. 110. J. S. 1784.

Our proviſion ſhips have diſappeared, and we don't know even if they are with the Admiral, or when they will be able to return to us! We muſt truſt, therefore, to Mr. Sulivan or Mr. Cochrane, to find us the intermediate ſupplies, and, I hope, it may be done both by land, by ſea, and by the Chillumbrum river to Porto-novo, but the ſtock now at Chillumbrum to be reſerved for the garriſon.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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Tippoo, as was actually the caſe, on the 28th of April, although all theſe Gentlemen's Letters and Plans from the beginning, proceeded * upon the contrary ſuppoſition, and under the belief that every thing was ſafe in that quarter until June.

But after that period, and when it was known that Mangalore was ſafe in our poſſeſſion, and that Lieut. Col. John Campbell of his Majeſty's troops, a ſteady brave officer, was in the command, and confeſſedly in condition to hold out againſt all the enemy's force, ☞ *until he could be relieved* † *after the rains, which only could be done by ſea, and was ſo effected*; I ſay to perſevere in ſchemes and repreſentations to the Select Committee of Madras, and to find their ſchemes adopted by that Government, and determination taken to continue the force under Colonel Fullarton to be employed to the Weſtward (after the fall of Dindigul, May 4th), *ſeparately* from the main Army; or to expect from thence any *efficient* diverſion or co-operation in favour of the Bombay Army, or indeed any thing but loſs of the precious opportunity, and uſeleſs waſte of public treaſure, *in field allowances and bullock* ‡ *carriage to ſupport a nominal great Army and train*, in ſuch ſeparate campaigning on the Carnatic ſide towards Coimbatore or elſewhere, *until the French at Cuddalore were re-* ☞ *duced*, argues upon the whole, as I am free to ſay, a total want of that proper local and practical knowledge which ought ever to guide State councils, but more particularly the executive military operations in the Eaſt Indies, where, from repeated experience, it has been found, that weak, no leſs than improvident raſh meaſures in the *outſet*, are peculiarly attended with *laſting* ruinous conſequences in every point of view to the State, and to the Eaſt India Company.

I have in the preceding Remarks made mention of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, who ſo ably commanded and defended Mangalore. —I ſhall here for the preſent ſelect the following Extracts from the Letters of that intelligent officer (whoſe death is a public loſs), with the view chiefly of ſhewing his real ſituation at the time (May 19), and with what diffidence he ſpeaks of the mode of conveying the ſuccours needed; which ſuc- ☞ cours *by ſea* arrived ſeaſonably at Mangalore, both from Bombay and Madras; and might, as I really believe, have operated to have obtained from Tippoo Sahib the moſt valuable conceſſions on that coaſt, if their powers of action had not been defeated by the contents of the very remarkable *conjunct circular Letters* from the deputies of the Madras Government (Meſſrs. Sadleir and Staunton) and M. Buſſy wrote *in concert* from

* See Note † p. 204, and Extract 2d, p. 219; alſo laſt par. Sibbald's Letter, p. 246, and elſewhere. J. S. 1784.

† See ☞ p. 243, 244, and 246. J. S. 1784.

‡ It will be well worth the attention of the E. J. C. to obſerve the immenſe expence of this *ſeparate Southern Army, after the 4th of May* 1783. J. S. 1784.

Cuddalore,

## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp near Cuddalore, June* 21, 1783. *Noon.*

YOU will have heard of all our manœuvres by ſea, and of M. Suffrein getting into Cuddalore roads, going out, coming back, and ſailing again yeſterday; at laſt the Fleets came within gun-ſhot, about ſix

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Cuddalore, the 2d of July, and ſent in charge of M. Buſſy's own meſſengers, *addreſſed to Major Campbell commanding at Mangalore (who was not under their orders), and to Tippoo, the Ally of France, without once mentioning the name of Mahomed Ally Cawn as our Ally*, and whoſe country was immediately in queſtion;—negociating a ceſſation of hoſtilities at Mangalore, preſumptuouſly engaging the *national faith* for performance, which that *faithleſs Barbarian* ſoon made his own uſe of, and afterwards, by management recovered that place, together with all our *coaſt conqueſts on that ſide of India*;—objects from ſituation the moſt deſirable for the Eaſt India Company; and therefore it is much to be lamented that we did not, at that time and place, improve the moment; but, on the contrary, that, by a peculiar fatality, *the infinite advantage ariſing from our being in the actual poſſeſſion of Mangalore at that period has been negociated away.*

Such is my opinion, and I could not abſtain from giving it, though, to appearance, *prematurely* in this place. J. S. 1784.

(Extracts referred to in the preceding Remarks.)

From Lieutenant Colonel JOHN CAMPBELL of his Majeſty's 100th regiment, commanding at Mangalore, to the Select Committee of Fort St. George.

Mangalore, May 18, 1783.

"*The garriſon and proviſions I now have, will, I hope, prove ſufficient to maintain this "place till a reinforcement arrives, which can only be expected from you, Bombay* being al-"ready very weak in point of troops.* The mode of ſending the relief, I muſt refer to your "better judgment, and in perfect confidence of its arriving in time.

P. S. *Onore is ſtill in our poſſeſſion, and ſufficiently garriſoned* for the rains.

† From Lieutenant Colonel JOHN CAMPBELL, &c. to JOHN SULIVAN, Eſq; reſident at Tanjore.

SIR, Mangalore, May 19, 1783.

*Your Letters to General Mathews of the 25th March, arrived here about ten days ago; the communication having been cut off for a conſiderable time before, I took the liberty of opening*

* A reinforcement did arrive from Bombay. J. S. 1784.

† This Letter was communicated to me by Mr. Sulivan: it accompanied his Letter to me of June 21, (p. 262.) and was received by me June 26. J. S. 1784.

ſix leagues ſouth-eaſt of us, and began at half paſt four yeſterday afternoon: what has become of them, or what the iſſue, I know not! Only one ſhip is now ſeen off Fort St. David's; and many people ſay that they heard popping ſhots, at two in the morning, a great deal farther north; ſo it is probable, during fighting, without minding their ſails, both Fleets have been carried by the current to the northward. *The first*

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*them, and am ſorry to acquaint you, that matters now wear a different aſpect to what they did.*

*Several Sepoys have arrived from Bidenore, and give an account of its having been delivered up to Tippoo on the 1ſt of this Month; they vary greatly in their accounts, but Mahomed Ally, with a large Army, being now within four miles of this, is a convincing proof of its being too true. Tippoo is ſaid to be following with a large train of heavy artillery.* How they propoſe carrying on their operations during the Monſoon, I know not; but this place being ſtrong, the breach half repaired, and a tolerable garriſon, I have no doubt of maintainiug it until ſuccours can arrive.

*What you propoſe concerning Colonel Lang's Army, appears to me the only effectual and moſt ſpeedy method. As* Pallicatcherry *might detain him ſome time, I ſhould conceive the paſs above Callicut,* if the road permits, *the ſhorteſt and leaſt liable to interruption*; but my knowledge of the country on the other ſide of the Ghauts, does not enable me to offer an opinion to you on that ſubject.

*Bombay, even ſhould the troops be withdrawn from the poſts now ceded to the Mharrattas, is but badly garriſoned, ſhould the fleet not come round, and an expedition be formed againſt it, which they muſt ward againſt. I have therefore no aſſiſtance to expect * from that quarter, my whole dependence is therefore* either in the fleet bringing round a large reinforcement, *or Colonel Lang effecting what you propoſed. In bringing about both which, I hope you will uſe every poſſible means.*

*Both Lieut. Colonels M'Leod and Humberſtone were unfortunately taken by the Mharattas on their paſſage to the Army, and the Governor and Select Committee have ſtopped the ceſſion of all the forts until theſe Gentlemen are releaſed.*

(Signed) JO. CAMPBELL.

P. S. *An expreſs is juſt come in and ſays, Tippoo is arrived with his whole Army, in number about* 100,000, *and* 300 *French.* J. C.

* Aſſiſtance did arrive in the proper ſeaſon from that quarter, as alſo from Madras by ſea.
J. S. 1784.

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*firſt ſight we have ever had of the French, was their being next to Cuddalore.*

Their appearance has not altered my operations; we are going on *ſure ground*, but ſlow, *becauſe we have not one relief for duty.*

I have wrote every day to Colonel Fullarton by Warrior-pollam, and ſent duplicates *open* to Mr. John Sulivan by Tanjore, preſſing his moving

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From Lieut. Colonel CAMPBELL, &c. to Mr. JAMES SIBBALD, Tellicherry.

Mangalore, May 25, 1783.

"*I AM juſt now favoured with yours of the 22d inſtant.*"

"*With reſpect to* Hayat Sahib's *propoſal of* 4000 *Nairs, I have only to obſerve, that, in the*
☞ "*firſt place*, a junction would be impoſſible; *and, in the ſecond place, that* the number
"would be unequal to the taſk of relieving this garriſon, *and would therefore only add a*
"*number of uſeleſs mouths to our preſent conſumption. Their joining the reinforcement either*
"*from the ſouthward or northward might indeed be of ſervice, but I aſſure you even then,* very
"little, *unleſs better troops than thoſe I ſaw to the ſouthward.*"

* From Mr. SIBBALD to Colonel LANG (opened by Colonel Fullarton, and forwarded to Mr. B. Cochrane, Negapatam, at the ſame time with the Colonel's Letter to him, dated Camp at Caroor, June 13.)

SIR, Tellicherry, May 12, 1783.

*The conſequence it may be of to our affairs, your having a knowledge of the ſituation of our troops in the Bidenore and Sundah Countries, is the motives for my addreſſing this Letter to you. I left Bombay the 25th* ult. *being appointed by the Select Committee, the Proviſional Chief, for the management of the Company's intereſt in the Bidenore and Sundah countries, and brought*

* *N. B.* Mr. Cochrane was deſired to forward this Letter to me; it was received by him the 17th, and by me the 23d of June: it is referred to in Colonel Fullarton's Letter to me, dated Camp at Momparé, one march from Yarricotta, June 7, 1783;—but it ſeems it was not diſpatched by the Colonel until *after* the 11th of June, for reaſons ſtated in his Letter to Mr. Cochrane, wrote from Coil Pettah, June 11, (Ext. 2d. p. 221.) conſequently I neither received the Colonel's Letter of June 7th from Momparé, nor the copy of his Letter to Captain M'Leod, dated Yaricotta, June 8th (Ext. p. 212.); nor this Letter from Mr. Sibbald of May 12th, until the 23d of June, being *ſeven days* after I had received the Colonel's Letter to me, dated Averacouchy, June 10th, wherein he mentions the receipt of my Letter of May 31ſt, upon the afternoon of the 9th of June.

I have thought it particularly neceſſary, in this place, to have recourſe to my *Notes*, ſo as to ſtate dates accurately.

J. S. 1784.

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ing towards me by that route and Palamcottah; ſo I look for him to have marched the 20th, and to be here the 29th.

*I have taken poſſeſſion of Porto-novo, which will ſecure the watering and ſupplies to the Fleet; and the Admiral * has been told that I anſwer for both:* but when we ſhall ſee him, or the proviſion-ſhips, I can't

* See Letter to Com. Haliday, p. 211. J. S. 1784.

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*with me one battalion of Sepoys as a reinforcement for the Army.—In my way down the coaſt, I received intelligence that the enemy had got poſſeſſion of the Ghauts of the fort of Cundapore on the ſea coaſt, which was one of our magazines for ſtores and proviſions, and had cut off the communication with our Army at Bidenore. This intelligence proving too true, I landed the reinforcement at Mangalore,* where we have near 2500 effective men, and the fort is a place of great ſtrength, and is at preſent well ſupplied with ſtores and proviſions.

*At Mangalore I found they had no communication with General Mathews at Bidenore: that the laſt advice they had from him was about the 5th* ult. *when the enemy firſt appeared.—A general report, however, prevails, that he has repulſed them in two different attacks they made on the town; but, as his whole force is not quite 2,000 men, I am apprehenſive that he may at laſt be compelled to retire to the fort, where, if he has not been able to lay in a ſufficient quantity of ſtores and proviſions for a long ſiege, I ſhall be very apprehenſive for the ſafety of the place; for, until we can get ſome reinforcements from Bombay in Auguſt or September, we ſhall be in no condition to force the Ghaut, and reſtore the communication,* as a body of 4000 men is thought neceſſary to effect that ſervice.

*In this ſituation of our affairs upon this coaſt, I beg, Sir, to* ſubmit to your judgment, *the practicability of your moving forward with the Army under your command towards Seringapatam, it being the only means,* perhaps, *that can relieve * our Army at Bidenore and put it in a ſituation of enabling them to form a junction with our troops at Mangalore to act vigorouſly againſt the enemy in the field. The Braminy, who has engaged to deliver you this Letter, has promiſed to return with any anſwer you may favour me with.*

(Signed) JAMES SIBBALD.

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EXTRACT.

From Lieut. Knox, Town-Major at Tanjore, to Enſign Clarke at Negapatam, dated Tanjore June 17, 1783. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

"*I ſaw a Letter this day from Bombay, dated the 4th April laſt, which mentions that Captain Nugent's battalion had embarked for Mangalore, and that more reinforcements would be ſent there as ſoon as the troops were collected from the Continent; I believe the troops from the Continent, are thoſe that were raiſed in conſequence of the conqueſts made by General Goddard, now given up to the Mharattas.*"

* At the time of this Gentleman's writing, both Bidenore and Hydernagur had been for weeks in the poſſeſſion of Tippoo Sahib. J. S. 1784.

I can't ſay; therefore, in God's name! continue to ſend us all the rice and gram you can.

I have ſent ſix Maſſulah boats to Porto-novo to remain. Your Dony people ſhould know this, and that we have troops at Porto-novo and Chillumbrum.

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EXTRACT.

From Lieut. Brickmire commanding at Chillumbrum, to Mr. B. Cochrane, June 20th. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, the 21ſt.)

*I have received yours of the 17th, and acquaint you that I came and took poſſeſſion of this place the 12th inſtant, in the morning, and I have fixed Tapals for the carriage of Letters from hence to camp, and to Tranquebar; and all Letters you may ſend ſhall go with ſafety. The two fleets were in ſight off Chillumbrum, and I believe they will come to action this day or to-morrow.*

*The battalion you mention, that is to come here from Tanjore is not yet arrived, nor have I any intelligence of their coming. I have wrote to the Commanding Officer of Tanjore. The enemy's horſe are ranging all about this country, and there is a camp of theirs at Verdachelum, conſiſting of about twelve or fifteen hundred men of different ſorts of people; and alſo at Palamcottah they have between two and three hundred men.—I am informed there is about* 20,000 *head of cattle about ſix miles to the north of Bevengary, and they have only a few horſe to guard them.*

*I have here ſtationed four men belonging to Porto-Novo as Tapals, and nine men to be in readineſs with Catamarans in Porto-Novo river for the diſpatch of Letters, and four men I keep in Porto-Novo Pettah, to bring me intelligence if any boats from the French fleet ſhould land.*

*I can inform you that the two fleets came to action this evening at a quarter paſt four, and kept engaging till dark, ſo as I could ſee no more.—The engagement was a little to the ſouthward of Porto-novo.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Negapatam, June 17, 1783. (Received June 23.)

*The Tanjore Tapal is arrived with the incloſed Letter from Colonel Fullarton *.—I have likewiſe a Letter from C. C. dated Curapatore the 14th of June, ſeven miles on this ſide of Caroor. I do not believe a ſingle veſſel with grain will venture to Cuddalore to your aſſiſtance, particularly ſince the French fleet have appeared on the coaſt. I have done every thing that lays in my power to prevail on the people to venture to Cuddalore* on their own credit, *but they poſitively refuſe going; and if their rice, paddy, &c. is not ſecured in time, they will proceed with it to Tranquebar, from whence none can be exported. There is a ſhip cruizing off here, which I take to be one of M. Suffrein's.*

* This was C. F's to Mr. C. from Caroor, June 13, (Extract, p. 225.) which incloſed C. F's Letter to me, dated Momparré, June 7th, and received by me the 23d. J. S. 1784.

EXTRACT.

I cannot doubt of Sir Edward being abſolute maſter of the ſeas ſoon, though, for the preſent, we are here in an odd ſituation by *M. Suffrein's able manœuvres!*

I have this day ſent my Letter to Colonel Fullarton, to be opened by Mr. Sulivan at Tanjore; it contains all the news, and will anſwer every public purpoſe.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Negapatam, June 18, 1783. } *The French fleet ſtill continue cruizing off Trimlewaſh and Devicottah to windward of our fleet, ſo that the communication with the grand Army is almoſt cut off, notwithſtanding we are in poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum, and I am afraid, from what I can learn, that the preſent ſtrength of the grand Army will* not *permit of large detachments even to open the communication with this country, for the purpoſe of receiving ſupplies for the uſe of the Army and Navy.*—Cuddalore is very extenſive, and requires many troops to blockade it properly; and it is ſaid the French have nearly 2500 or 3000 Europeans in this fort, which I believe is fully equal to our number.—*All Sir John Burgoyne's people, many of the Hanoverians, and 101ſt at Madras, for what reaſon I don't know. Of this you may have better intelligence from the Preſidency.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Negapatam, June 18, 1783. (Communicated to M. Gen. Stuart, June 23.) } *Yeſterday I was honoured with your Letter of the 16th, incloſing a packet for General Stuart, and, agreeable to your deſire, made a copy of the ſame for the Select Committee, which I forwarded to Mr. Mackintoſh laſt night, together with the packet for the Admiral and General Stuart.—I ſent a guard of Sibendys along with the Harkarah, and informed Mr. Mackintoſh, that in caſe he could with ſafety ſend the packet by the Sheally road to Chillumbrum (which place is in our poſſeſſion), he might ſend the Sibendys along with the packets as far as Devicottah, from whence they might be forwarded by a Catamaran to the Admiral now laying off Portonovo.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Negapatam, 19th June, 1783. } "*Incloſed I ſend you a Letter (of the 11th) juſt now received from C. Cloſe, Aid-de-Camp to the Commander in Chief.*"

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EXTRACT.

I have not heard from the Preſidency theſe *twelve* days. Pray let me know what the French write or ſay of their overthrow on the 13th. There never was a more complete buſineſs; but it coſt us dear *.

I ſent you the copy of my Letter to the Admiral †, and ſhall ſend you other material papers by and bye.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

*P. S.* June 22d. "Your packet of the 16th came to hand juſt as I "had ſealed the above."

* See the Exact Return, page 215. J. S. 1784.

† This was my Letter of June 14th. See p. 22. Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Negapatam, June 18, 1783. (Received June 23.) | *Incloſed I ſend you a Letter from Colonel Fullarton (June 17th), this moment come to hand, which I forward without loſs of time.*

*This afternoon I forwarded (through Mr. Clarke) all the news that I have ſent you, and wrote to Colonel Fullarton, telling him that I imagined ſome of your Letters may have been intercepted lately, as I had received none lately to forward to him; that I hoped, however, the originals might have got ſafe to Trichinopoly, ſo that no time might be loſt in his marching to ſuch place as he thought proper, ſo as to co-operate with the Army, and open the communication 'twixt this and Chillumbrum, and Warrior-Pollam, and the grand Army; but at any rate, if the enemy were not drove out of this country,* they would ſoon drive me from hence, *and a ſtop would be put to the ſupplies of the Army that I was providing here; and our having poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum would be to no effect.*—This Letter he will receive to-morrow night.

*I ſhall write him again to-morrow morning.*

*I adviſed C. Fullarton to keep as a profound ſecret his intended movement, on account of the enemy being very anxious to know it.*

*I ſend this by a Catamaran, and Duplicate of the ſame ſhall go by a Harkarah.*

*I wrote C. Fullarton, that were this country clear of the enemy, I might ſend quick intelligence to you and the Admiral by means of Catamarans from Devicottah river, that the road was not clear between Chillumbrum and Camp, and the French were cruizing between this and Devicottah Point.*

## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June 23, 1783.*

THE very great risk in sending intelligence of importance *detailed*, leads me in general to say, that after all the manœuvres and actions of the Fleets from the 16th to this day, I now see Monsr. de Suffrein, with 19 ships of war (being one more than the number he went out with), anchored in Cuddalore roads; and I neither see our

* This Letter is referred to p. 21, State of Facts, &c. Part II. J. S. 1784.

Fleet,

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(Enclosure in the preceding Letter.)

EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Trichinopoly Plain, June 17, 1783. (Received by Mr. Cochrane the 18th, and by M. Gen. Stuart, June 23.) } *Be so good as open the inclosed for General Stuart, read it, take a copy, and forward it.— I hope the General will now find*, by my movements *, how much he has been deceived in his ideas respecting my intentions and mode of conduct.

*I am anxious to know when you forwarded to him my Letter of the 10th.*

(Signed) WM FULLARTON.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Negapatam, June 19, 1783. } *I take it for granted, General Stuart's orders will have reached Colonel Fullarton ere this; however, in case of accidents, I have wrote Colonel Fullarton the inclosed, which I send you for your perusal, and request you will seal and forward it immediately.*

*I am (from Col. Fullarton's desiring me to open his Letters to General Stuart, and forward Duplicates), under the necessity of giving Colonel Fullarton every information that lays in my power, and I hope it will not arrive too late for his crossing at Trichinopoly.*

Be assured, Mr. Sulivan, the strength of the grand Army is not so great as is imagined, and ☞ that the whole of Colonel Fullarton's force now with him will be required as a covering party.

(Enclosure referred to in the preceding.)

EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Col. Fullarton, Negapatam, June 19, 1783. } *Last night, at seven o'clock, your Letter of the 17th came to hand; Duplicate of the same was immediately struck off, and forwarded to General Stuart by land, and Catamaran, by*

* See last part, ☞ p. 241, and Note ‡ ditto. J. S. 1784.

*trusty*

Fleet, nor have I heard from them ſince the 15th. It is needleſs for me to ſay more on the occaſion, than, that whatever may be my own uneaſineſs, I am convinced the Admiral has done every thing for the beſt.

The fatigue to this Army, *in conſequence of the whole Fleet of France (in this country) being at half an hour's notice ready to unload their men to attack us*, as is the caſe while I write you, is ſuch, that nothing

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*truſty people. On the* 11*th General Stuart wrote a Letter to Mr. Sulivan, informing him, that he had accounts of your having received his orders of the* 31*ſt, therefore requeſted he would deſire the Polygars to bring all the cattle poſſible nearer the grand Army; that he ſhould thereby be enabled to give a ſhare to the Admiral, at the ſame time that he covers his watering at Porto-novo, which removes the need of the Admiral returning to Madras.—That by ſome miſtake the gram for the cavalry which he indented for, falls ſhort above* 6000 *bags; and that they are reduced to a few days full feed, therefore requeſts that through the Polygars by land, or through me by ſea, to have the fulleſt ſupply poſſible inſtantly.*

*That Chillumbrum was begun to be evacuated the day he took up his ground before Cuddalore; that it was then entirely ſo, and that he had deſired the Warrior-Pollam Polygars to take poſſeſſion of it immediately, and requeſted Mr. Sulivan would ſend ſome Sepoys or Sibendies from Tanjore there; that the Admiral would then have the means of watering to any length up the river,* ☞ *and* have Porto-novo for an hoſpital, *and hop'd the Admiral would be furniſhed with plenty of cattle and ſheep for his ſhip's people; which latter circumſtance he ſtrongly recommended.*

*To this purport General Stuart wrote a Letter to Mr. Sulivan; ſince then General Stuart has ſent two companies of Sepoys to take poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum, which perhaps was in conſequence of his ſeeing no immediate likelihood of troops from Tanjore marching thither;—but you will judge, from the ſpirit of General Stuart's Letter to Mr. Sulivan, whether or not he immediately expects you to croſs the Coleroon at Trichinopoly, and march to the Warrior-Pollam country, and eſcort from thence what cattle may be there provided for the Army: For, ſurely, by your remaining on Trichinopoly Plain, you do not co-operate with him in the leaſt!*

*Now that you have got rid of your heavy guns, and the bullocks had time to reſt themſelves, you will be the better able to make quick marches, and ſweep all the cattle that comes in your way on the northern ſide of the Coleroon, and eſcort them to camp, which will be rendering an eſſential ſervice to the Army and Navy.—Should Mr. Sulivan not have received that Letter from General Stuart, and none of a later date than the* 31*ſt* ult. *from General Stuart to you come to hand, this of courſe muſt be the lateſt accounts from General Stuart, and if the contents of this Letter, in your opinion, will authorize you to croſs the Coleroon at Trichinopoly, you are very welcome to make it* a public one, *and I am confident to myſelf, General Stuart will be well*

nothing but their ſuperlative ſpirit can hold it out. There are ſome things beyond the power of fleſh and blood; and, by a ſort of miracle, there is not a man in this Army diſcompoſed in his mind by theſe adverſe appearances at ſea.—Our approaches go on in the ſame manner as if the *Engliſh* Fleet were where the *French* Fleet is now.

If any thing vexes me, it is to receive Letters from Mr. Sulivan at Tanjore, dated 16th inſtant (for whom, as a private man, I have a great reſpect),

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*pleaſed in your doing ſo; for, without the Polygars are protected with your force, how is it poſſible they can bring their cattle near the grand Army? and ſhould it appear hereafter that the grand Army is not in a ſtate to afford ſending detachments for the purpoſe of foraging, and that*
☞ *the enemy, in the neighbourhood of Chillumbrum and Warrior-Pollam, in the mean time drive away the cattle, how unfortunate it will be for the Navy in particular, that you ſhould halt even one day at Trichinopoly, and perhaps thereby be prevented croſſing the Colercon!*

*The Fleet are now very much in want of water, and ſhould their watering be cut off from the ſuperior numbers of the enemy, they muſt inevitably proceed to Madras for water and cattle, and the ſiege of Cuddalore of courſe raiſed. – It is not neceſſary for me to ſay any thing more on the ſubject, only that 150 horſe have thought proper to venture as far as Mayaveram the day before yeſterday, and carry away the Aumildar, burn many houſes, and drive away the cattle. As they have met with no check in this excurſion, I expect their numbers will increaſe, and Mr. Clarke and I will be obliged to retire to the boats in theſe roads, with the view of retreating to Tranquebar; which retreat, perhaps, may be cut off by one of M. Suffrein's frigates, that are generally cruizing to the northward. My being obliged to quit this, will be attended with the worſt of conſequences, as the ſupplies I am providing for the Army will be at a ſtand, and the Chel-*
☞ *lingas and Catamarans I have collected here for the fleet burnt; likewiſe all the veſſels and their owners, that I have, with infinite pains, prevailed on to come here, and to Nagore, will proceed to Tranquebar, finding there is no protection for them at Nagore or here; and when once they arrive there, no paddy, rice, or grain can be exported from thence.*

*Your Letter of the 10th muſt have got ſafe on the 16th; for I diſpatched it from hence 14th, ſo that I am in hopes you will ere this have received ſome orders that correſpond with what information I communicate to you now. Mr. Clarke will ſend you the news of the day.*

June 19th. 9 A. M. (Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

P. S. *The following is Extract of a Letter from Dr. Rollo, dated Tranquebar laſt night:*
*"The laſt Letter Mr. Mackintoſh received from the Admiral, he urgently begs a few "refreſhments from Tranquebar."—I leave you to judge from this, what refreſhments the Admiral receives from Porto-novo!*

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reſpect), *telling me of the neceſſity to reinforce Colonel Fullarton, in order to conquer Erroad, &c. &c.* when *he knows* that Colonel Fullarton, on that very day was, by my orders, at Trichinopoly, and would receive my Letters *(written in quadruplicate)* to croſs at Trichinopoly, and to march by Warrior-pollam to join me, and I expect him in conſequence in *ſix* days from the preſent date.

As no man obeys my orders in the detail, ſouth of the Coleroon, I have neither had an anſwer nor a Sepoy, to make me conclude that a reinforcement would come to Chillumbrum, and to afford a detachment to Porto-novo, although ordered above eight days ago. In this ſtate of things, haraſſed as this Army is beyond meaſure, yet have I, *from the conſequence and importance of the ſervice*, been led to ſend two Bengal battalions to keep poſſeſſion of Porto-novo, and to cover the watering of his Majeſty's Fleet: they have been there theſe *three* days; and Letters in three different ways are ready written to acquaint the Admiral of it. *I have, moreover, 5000 head of cattle ready at Chillumbrum, to give a conſtant ſupply to the Fleet and Army.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. Sulivan to Mr. B. Cochrane, Tanjore, June 20. (Acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Letter.) Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .

*In* P. S. *Yours, with one to Colonel Fullarton, came this moment, and has been forwarded. I cannot pretend to ſay what effect your Letter may have; but every hour's delay on the plain of Trichinopoloy is a ſerious evil; if he is to make a ſweep, it cannot be in the (woods) of Warrior-Pollam. We get there without compulſion more than their force could procure, but not more than the Southern Army could eat.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Tranquebar, June 20, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*The Engliſh fleet, conſiſting of thirty ſail, was ſeen off here at ſun-riſe, and immediately ſailed and ſtood to the Northward with a crowd of ſail. It is ſuppoſed Sir Edward left Porto-novo laſt night with the land wind, and came here to look after Monſ. Suffrein, who was laſt ſeen off here the 16th in the morning. The French here give out, that he got into Cuddalore roads during the night; but this I cannot believe, as Sir Edward Hughes would, without doubt, keep too good a look-out to prevent any ſuch manœuvre.*

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(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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The public and private followers will not have a grain of rice beyond the *firſt* of next month; the fighting men, by my precaution, have four weeks in ſtore; our proviſion and ſtore-ſhips are gone, with what remains of their lading, God knows where! and our cavalry have only *ſix days gram remaining.*

Mr. Cochrane writes, that while there is a diſpute betwixt the Engliſh and French at ſea, the Black People will not be prevailed upon to give us any aſſiſtance from the ſouthward; although he has ſecured, in a certain proportion, what might be wanted for the Army, yet the Black People will not riſk their veſſels or their liberty.

Some ready money for the arrack, &c. as equal to one-third of the advance for what has been ſent, to the amount of 8000 Pagodas, *I have promiſed him*; but I have not the money in the military cheſt, and I do not know how to perform my promiſe, neither in what way the further ſupplies are to be ſent to us from the ſouthward, without money or credit.

I ſtill live in hopes that we ſhall be ſoon the undoubted maſters at ſea; for, unleſs we are ſo, the wants of this Army, even before the junction of Colonel Fullarton, cannot poſſibly be ſupplied.

I ſhall, ſo ſoon as the coaſt is clear, ſend you a more circumſtantial account, in many particulars, ſince my laſt Letter. I find it was *ſixteen*, and not eighteen, guns we took on the 13th; and I am very ſorry to find that we had on that day nearly 1000* brave fellows killed or wounded.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

* *This was (to a certain degree) a miſtake, as appears by the exact Return, p.* 215, *where the* totals *are as follows, viz.*

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| Europeans, *Com. Non-com. rank and file,* - | *killed,* | 170 |
| *Ditto, Ditto,* - - | *wounded,* | 428 |
| Native *or* Black Troops, - - | *killed or wounded,* | 334 |
| | *Total* | 942 |

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*P. S.* I gueſs, if the French are reſolved to keep *their* ſtation in the roads *here*, our Admiral will keep *his* at *Porto-novo*. Our proviſion and ſtore-ſhips from the Preſidency ſhould know this, in order to make ſouthing, and keep well out to the eaſtward.

(Signed) J. S.

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## From Major General STUART to Lord MACARTNEY, Preſident.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 24, 1783. *At noon.*

THIS morning I had the honour to receive your Lordſhip's Letter of the 14th inſtant, acquainting me of the *San Carlos* being to ſail that night, to bring 20,000 Pagodas, with a promiſe of further ſupplies of every ſort.—How much we need thoſe ſupplies, eſpecially *rice and horſe-gram*, will appear to your Lordſhip, when you know that *at this hour there is no friendly ſhip in ſight*, and I do not, for my ſoul, know where to get a meaſure of rice for the public and private followers of this Army after the 30th inſtant! and our horſes are without gram from that day. Our caſh in the cheſt is, as I believe, *under* 7000 Pagodas; and this day I was obliged to order ſubſiſtence to the 101ſt regiment.

The enemy are in their *fulleſt force by ſea and land, within* 800 *yards of our trenches*, and yet, in this ſituation we do not relax in our approaches towards them, as faſt as our ſcanty means can furniſh materials for our cover. We are night and day on duty!

*Can there then ariſe a doubt in any man's mind of the expediency,* ☞ *and the abſolute neceſſity, of Colonel Fullarton's joining us with the utmoſt expedition?* I have long ſince given * orders to that effect, even when the neceſſity was leſs; and, as I ſaid to him, ſo I repeat to your Lordſhip, "that I am ready and deſirous at all times to anſwer to

* See my Letter to C. Fullarton, page 162, laſt paragraph. J. S. 1784.

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" my immediate conſtituents, and to my ſovereign, and country, for
☞ " the orders which I have given."

Your Lordſhip mentions, that the Committee is extremely ſurpriſed at my not regularly acknowledging the receipt of their Letters: I believe there never was a man in my ſtation that ſo particularly attended to the giving of every information to Government;—*I refer it to my Letters.*

If the dates or receipts of *their Letters to me* have been omitted, it is not from *intention*; and I have, immediately on receiving your note, deſired to ſearch for every Letter from the time I left Chingleput to the preſent hour; and they ſhall know, by the firſt occaſion, the time when wrote, and when received.

I wrote yeſterday to the Select Committee, by the way of Permacoil: this goes in the ſame way; for, until I ſee our Admiral, nothing is ſafe by water. Whether Sir Edward is to appear firſt from the north or from the ſouth, I do not know!

*We are maſters of Porto-novo with two battalions; and the Union Flag of one of them is hoiſted on the very high ſtaff there. M. Suf-*
☞ *frein, now at anchor near Cuddalore, ſees it!* Nine of our Maſſula-boats are there; the reſt are here hauled up: but two French frigates lie to the ſouthward of our late landing-place.

I have heard of five companies of Tanjore Sibendies, as an eſcort to ſome cattle in their way from Tanjore to Chillumbrum. The officer writes, that both the cattle and his party are ſo weak, that he does not think he will be able to get to it. But Brickmire at Chillumbrum is warned of it. If the party come ſafe, I ſhall order them to remain at Chillumbrum.

Small parties of horſe are laying waſte the country which lately depended upon Chillumbrum; but I think that Colonel Fullarton, in the *route* I have pointed out to him, will be able to ſurpriſe them with

their plunder. I have wrote to Major General Burgoyne of the neceſſity to ſend forward even to Permacoil as large a ſtore of gram as he can, and to wait there for further orders from me. I have meditated a *ſtroke* where his corps and the 12th battalion may be ſerviceable.

I have never yet, my Lord, been honoured with your anſwer to the requeſt* I made you, to have your good offices, that Government ſhould, on their account, take Captain Lyſaght's rice, which, under certain circumſtances I commiſſioned for the public; and is now in charge of Captain Smith at Pallicatte.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

*P. S.* Our firſt parallel and ſupporting redoubts are finiſhed. I ſhall keep this note *open* as late as poſſible, in hopes of giving your Lordſhip ſome news of the Admiral, as the ſea-wind now prevails.

This morning, in viſiting the trenches, I perceived that the two ſhips which had their top-maſts damaged, have got others in their place; and, upon the whole, the rigging of the French Fleet ſeems complete.

It is now ſix in the evening, nothing appears from the Admiral; but a report has juſt now been made me, of ſeeing among the French Fleet, who are ſtill at anchor before Cuddalore, a two decker with an Engliſh enſign hoiſted under the French.

I have, in order to remove the *Committee's ſurpriſe* as ſoon as poſſible, made ſearch for all the Letters; and, as far as I have found, I incloſe to your Lordſhip the date and time of receiving.

(Signed) J. S.

* See page 97; alſo page 27. J. S. 1784.

(Enclosure in the preceding.)

## Letters to Major General STUART, and the time when received at the Army.

| Dates. | From whom. | To whom. | When received by M. Gen. Stuart. |
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| April 20th, 1783. | Select Committee | To Colonel Fullarton | |
| Ditto 21st — | Ditto | To ditto | |
| Ditto 21st — | Ditto | To Colonel Lang | |
| Ditto 22d — | Ditto | To B. G. Mathews | |
| Ditto 26th — | Ditto | To M. Gen. Stuart | |
| Ditto 27th — | Ditto | To Ditto | April 29th. |
| Ditto 30th — | The President | To Ditto | May 5th. |
| May 2d & 5th — | Ditto | To Ditto | May 8 & 9. |
| May 19th — | Ditto | To Ditto | Ditto 24th. |
| May 27th — | Dispatches from S.C. | To Ditto | June 1st. |
| *June 7th* — | *Colonel Fullarton* | *To Ditto* | *June 23d.* |
| May 30th — | Letter from S. C. with enclosures | To Ditto | June 6th. |
| June 14th — | The President | To ditto | June 24th. |

I am not certain if the preceding *form* be precisely the same as what was sent to the Select Committee, June 24th; but the dates correspond with *my notes*. J. S. 1784.

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* From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp, before Cuddalore, June 25, 1783.*
*In the Evening.*

Account of the Repulse of the French, &c. June 25.

IT is with great additional satisfaction that I give you the account of the *repulse* the enemy met with in a *sortie* they made early this morning. We have taken their Commanding Officer Chevalier de Damas, Colonel (Maistre de Camp) of the regiment of Aquitaine; likewise a Captain and a Lieutenant. There is a Major, a Captain, and two subalterns killed. The prisoners are about 150. I don't know how many of the enemy have been killed or carried off wounded; but this

* This Letter is referred to page 22, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.



I know,

I know, that it was a moſt complete *route.* Our loſs is Major Cotgrave, Lieutenant Greuber of the Bengal detachment, and Lieutenant Ochterloney miſſing; Captain Williamſon wounded, and about 20 rank and file killed or wounded.

Upon the return of the French Fleet, and ours not appearing, *I was ſure* that they would take every occaſion to annoy us. We were prepared for it, as they have found to their experience. From what I can collect of the priſoners, the troops *engaged were of their beſt ſort,* the regiment of Aquitaine and other old corps, beſides volunteers from all the other corps, and two battalions of Sepoys. Their principal impreſſion ſeems to have been directed to the right of our parallel; but they had no idea of our having completed a redoubt there, which, with the two guns, galled them very ſeverely. Our people behaved wonderfully well; and the Sepoys mixed *theirs* with the *French bayonets:* nothing could exceed their ſteadineſs.

Colonel Gordon commanded in the trenches, with Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart and Major Cotgrave; only one-half of the grenadiers were with the out-laying pickets, but Major Moore with the other half, was inſtantly on the ground from their advanced camp; and they proved an excellent ſupport to the parallel on the right.

From the character of *Monſ. Suffrein*, and the infinite ſuperiority of the preſent means on the part of the French *(now that we are left to ourſelves)* I expect a daily viſit of this ſort from them, and ſhall be prepared to give them a ſimilar reception: but I cannot too often repeat to your Lordſhip, &c. *that the ſeverity of the preſent duty, both on officers and men, is become almoſt unſupportable.*

As to my own uneaſineſs of mind, conſidering many things, which I need not detail to you, and that it is now *nine* days ſince our Fleet and proviſion-ſhips left us, and having *no certainty* of Colonel Fullarton's movements towards me, in conſequence of my order of the

16th inſtant: I ſay that, on the whole of theſe conſiderations, *my mind is upon the rack, without a moment's reſt.*

The ſteady undaunted valour of this Army is my preſent reſource in the midſt of ſurrounding difficulties, if the Admiral does not ſoon appear.

The high idea I entertain of the merit of this Army has led me to expreſs my ſentiments at ſome length, in this day's *General* * *Orders*, both of their conduct on the 13th, and in the action of this day. I ſhall have the honour of tranſmitting to your Lordſhip &c. a copy, together with every paper of any conſequence which you have not hitherto been furniſhed with, owing to the uncertainty of conveyance ſince we loſt ſight of the Admiral.

I pray your Lordſhip, &c. to forward the means of conveyance by ſea to us, for the detachment of 200 Hanoverians, with the recruits and recovered men of his Majeſty's and the Company's troops, together with money, rice, and horſe-gram, *our only dependence for all theſe things being upon you.*

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

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† From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 26, 1783.

THE preceding is the Duplicate Copy of the Letter I had the honour of addreſſing to the Right Honourable Preſident forwarded to Permacoil; and the Extract immediately following is from a Letter ‡ received this morning from Mr J. Sulivan. It is unaccountable to me that I have from no quarter an acknowledgment of the Letters which I have written either directly to Colonel Fullarton at Trichinopoly, or by the way of

* See theſe General Orders in the annexed ſcheme or collection. J. S. 1784.

† This Letter is referred to page 22, State of Facts, Part II. J. S. 1784.

‡ See this Letter *entire*, page 262. J. S. 1784.

Tanjore

Tanjore, *through Mr. Sulivan*, I believe, almoſt every day, *from the 16th inſtant*, the moment *I knew* Colonel Fullarton would be at Trichinopoly in conſequence of my orders. I have, ſince that, received a Letter from Colonel Fullarton, dated 17th, from Trichinopoly Plain: he could not *then* have received my Note * of the 16th; but, in all probability would the 19th, pointing out the route he was to follow. This day I ſaw part of a Letter, where, in general it is mentioned that Colonel Fullarton had marched the 22d, nobody knew exactly where; and this is all that I know.

At a meeting in my tent, called together yeſterday, compoſed of the Chief and Second Engineers, with the Commanding Officers 1ſt and 2d of Artillery, after communicating a certain ſtatement from the Chief Engineer, and ſtating the means we have for duty *at arms and working-parties*, and the ſmall quantity of materials ready made up to carry on our approaches; conſidering alſo the means in the enemy's power, *with their whole force by land and ſea a-head of us*; it was reſolved unanimouſly to abide by ſtrengthening the parallel and redoubts for the preſent, without making our approach to diſcover where we mean to erect our batteries, until we have the ſtock completed of materials ſufficient *in one day* to erect them; and, mean while, by our field-pieces in *ricochet*, to annoy the enemy's working-parties, who are now buſily employed, and will doubtleſs *have every aſſiſtance from M. Suffrein to cover the front, which they ſuppoſe we are to attack.*

In a ſeparate Letter, of yeſterday's date, you will ſee the *thorough repulſe* the enemy met with, in their attack on our parallel, on the morning of yeſterday. I am ſorry to inform you that Major Cotgrave is dead of his wounds received on the occaſion; and, by my accounts from Cuddalore, we have loſt Captain Lindſay by a mortification in the fracture.

Laſt night the enemy was *quiet*, perhaps making preparations for another *ſally:* I look for it every day, not only from the enterpriſing French Admiral, but on every political and prudential reaſon on the part of Monſ. de Buſſy in defence of his own character, were he, with the command as at preſent of 9,000 Europeans, land and ſea, in the pay of France,

* See Letter to C. Fullarton, page 226. J. S. 1784.

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to ſuffer this Army to be quiet. It is not to be ſuppoſed. We are in conſequence prepared; but I leave your Lordſhip, &c. to think of the conſequences, in point of ſickneſs alone, naturally to reſult, from the conſtant duty, night and day, to this Army, *unaſſiſted by a ſingle Sepoy from the Southern Provinces, and unſupported by any one ſingle ſhip, with rice only for the fighting men*, and our reſources from the ſouthward cut off either directly by the enemy's cruizers, or indirectly by the want of money or credit to procure them; and, on this ſubject I am under the greateſt uneaſineſs until I hear the report contradicted that *three donys* coming from the ſouthward were captured yeſterday by M. Suffrein's *look-out* frigates, now cruizing off our *late* landing-place, and towards Porto-novo. If unfortunately it is ſo, it will ſerve to encreaſe our diſtreſs beyond meaſure, both by the loſs in itſelf, the acquiſition to the enemy, and the dread it would occaſion in the Black People to prevent further ſupplies.

I have never yet had the honour to know of my relation of our victory of the 13th having come to hand, nor indeed of any Letter of mine ſince the 10th. I have in readineſs a collection of every material paper from the 13th, to ſend to your Lordſhip, &c. ſo ſoon as the coaſt is clear. Mean while I hope every diſpoſition has been made to forward to us the 200 Hanoverians, with the recovered men of his Majeſty's and of the Company's troops, with rice and gram, and every thing you can ſupply us with; *for my whole dependence is upon the Preſidency.*

Lieut. Dawes has made me very happy, by a note of the 23d, where he mentions having ſeen Sir Edward, with 30 ſail of all ſorts: I therefore look for him hourly to arrive; and, on a nearer view, I find there are no prizes with Monſ. Suffrein only 19 ſail of all ſorts, whereof 15 two-deckers.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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[Letter

[Letter referred to in the preceding.]

## * From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

*Tanjore, June* 21, 1783. Received June 26.

I HAVE the honour to ſend you the Duplicate of my Letter of yeſterday. The 9th battalion, with 2 guns, is now ordered to relieve the 5 companies that marched to convoy the cattle; and Colonel Fullarton has directed the officer commanding to proceed to Devicottah with them. The Rajah has promiſed me a further ſupply of ſheep; and I will endeavour to collect from every other quarter, in the hope of furniſhing a ſufficient ſtock for the Fleet. Gram is not to be provided, even for the ſmall troop with Colonel Fullarton. Mr. Cochrane could purchaſe from the boats that come from the ſouthward; but the return of the Army to Trichinopoly has put it entirely out of my power to ſend him any money; and, I fear, without money he will not be able to ſecure it.

I have the honour to ſend you the copy of a Letter † which I have juſt received from Colonel Campbell at Mangalore. *You will perceive, Sir, that, like General Mathews, he places all his hopes of ſupport on our co-operation; and* ☞ *that, like him, he is in danger of falling a martyr to his expectations* ‡, *while we are exhauſting our magazines at Trichinopoly, and, by our indeciſive movements, encouraging our enemies, diſpiriting our friends and our troops, and deſtroying, or leaving to our enemies to deſtroy, the reſources both of proviſions and ſtores which Colonel Fullarton had ſo ſucceſsfully opened.*

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 27, 1783.

WE have been quiet ſince yeſterday; but I expect a *conjunct ſally* to-morrow morning. Two Laſcars have ſwam a-ſhore from the French Fleet this day, who tell me of our ſhips having ſuffered in

* I believe this is the Letter I refer to in mine of the 26th to the Select Committee. J. S. 1784.

† See page 243, 244. J. S. 1784.

‡ I ſhall, in this place, make no other obſervations upon this part of this Gentleman's ☞ Letter to me, than by referring to the *Remarks, and annexed Correſpondence*, p. 240 to 246. J. S. 1784.

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their maſts, and that they are gone to Madras; but I cannot believe them.

Lieutenant Brickmire, *who has received no reinforcement from Tanjore*, writes to me, that the Commanding Officer at Tanjore tells him that *none* is to be ſent to him, and that the 9th battalion, after eſcorting cattle to Devicottah, is to return, by orders of the Committee, to join Colonel Fullarton: neither will I believe this! There are reports likewiſe equally to me *incredible*, that your Lordſhip, &c. * have diſapproved of my orders; and that Colonel Fullarton is to go with his force ſomewhere elſe. I have no official accounts of all this.

Mr. Sulivan writes me † *his* opinions of military plans, upon which I ſhall never enter on any diſcuſſion with *him*, as I know of no right he has to write to me upon the ſubject; or, if he does, that I am under any call to give him an anſwer.

*If I am neither to be aſſiſted with men, money, nor proviſions from the ſouthward, ſituated as this Army is, my opinions and my orders,* ☞ *upon record, muſt ſtand for my vindication with our ſuperiors; but the high ſtake we are now playing for, may be meanwhile loſt, in ſpite of the moſt gallant exertions of this Army. If ſo, others are anſwerable for it before God and man; I am not, thank God!*

Our means in caſh draw very near a cloſe. I have deſired the Paymaſter, on *his* credit to get all the money he can collect in camp, for bills on your Lordſhip, &c. payable at ſight: I muſt requeſt of you to honour them accordingly, as it may prove a fund of future credit to us.

I am extremely concerned to inform your Lordſhip, &c. that the two or three country veſſels, captured the day before yeſterday, by *M. Suffrein's frigates*, were under Daniſh paſſports, loaded by Mr.

* See Letter from Select Committee to C. Fullarton, dated June 17. Copy received by me *officially* June 29. J. S. 1784.

† See ☞ page 263. J. S. 1784.

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Cochrane for this Army. One of the Laſcars eſcaped, and gave this information. The two former *Donys* from Mr. Cochrane, which had fortunately been unloaded, being too large to draw upon the ſand (as our Maſſula boats at preſent are) were burnt laſt night *by the French frigates off the landing-place.*

A Tapal is now eſtabliſhed betwixt Negapatam and Chillumbrum; and Mr. Cochrane has been repeatedly written to, within theſe four days, to ſend nothing more *until he knows that we are maſters at ſea.*

I have no idea of the reaſon why a battalion from *Tanjore* has been ſent to *Devicottah*, with cattle, as Mr. Brickmire informs me: it is not *by my order*; and neither the Army nor the Fleet will be ſupplied from *thence*, but from *Porto-novo.*

If I am the Commander in Chief of the Company's forces, I wiſh to know what right any other perſon has, *under Government*, to give ſuch orders *unknown to me?* In a word, I know nothing of what is doing on the other ſide of the Coleroon; and I wiſh to know if this is by your order?

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

*P. S.* I have deſired the Adjutant-general to communicate to your Lordſhip, &c. the *General Orders* of yeſterday, where, upon the deceaſe of Major Cotgrave, and the hard duty upon the field-officers, I judged it expedient that Captain Eidington, the Company's *ſenior* Captain, ſhould act as Major, until your further pleaſure be known.

(Signed) J. S.

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## From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Major General STUART.

### EXTRACT.

*Tranquebar, June* 21, 1783. *(Received June )*

I TAKE an early opportunity of informing you of my arrival here, in conſequence of information received from Mr. Mackintoſh of the enemy's horſe being in this neighbourhood, and of their intentions of proceeding ſouthward.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Lieut. B. Cloſe (Aid-de-camp), Tranquebar, June 21, 1783.

*On the* 19*th I was honoured with your Letter of the* 11*th, and immediately forwarded it to Mr. Sulivan. I have juſt now, an anſwer from Mr. Sulivan, telling me that every poſſible encouragement has been, and will be given to the Polygars to carry all kinds of grain and proviſions to camp, but that gram is not to be procured at Tanjore or Trichinopoly; and that the return of the Army will drain both places of every fanam he had collected:—That a ſtock of* 1070 *black cattle from Warrior-Pollam croſs'd the river on the* 17*th, and an eſcort of five Sepoys and a gun had marched to meet and conduct them to Sheally, where they will be kept for the orders of the Commander in Chief; likewiſe about* 2000 *ſheep that are in their way to the ſame place, and that he reſerves a further ſupply in the woods to the north of the place.*

*Your Letter of the* 18*th is alſo come to hand, and I beg you will inform the Commander in Chief, that all the rice and horſe gram I can procure ſhall be immediately ſent down. I ſhall only be able to ſend* 2 *or* 300 *bags immediately;—the reſt in the veſſels expected hourly; but, as there is a likelihood of the Dutch cruizers detaining the veſſels in the gulph of Manar, I think it would be better not to depend on a ſupply of gram from the ſouthward.*

*The Tapals of Chillumbrum ſhall alſo be ſtationed.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, Trichinopoly Plain, June 20, 1783. (Received by Mr. Cochrane at Tranquebar the 22d.)

*I hope my Letter of the* 17*th for the General reached you, and alſo forwarded to him; we are laying in theſe plains in expectation of orders. None have reached me ſince the Letter* 31*ſt May from the General.—I truſt he will not allow us to remain here long; for the conſequences will be fatal to the place, and, as I am now within two miles of the Coleroon, whether he deſired me to move, I cannot advance from this without ſome further inſtructions,—therefore I*



*requeſt*

ſouthward. Judging that there might be ſome concerted ſcheme between the French and Tippoo Sahib's people to attack me at Negapatam, I immediately requeſted Enſign Clarke to accompany me, with 50 of his Sepoys, which he readily complied with; and we arrived here yeſterday forenoon, in four Chelingas. As ſoon as I got on ſhore, I wrote a note to *Mr. Geeke*, " of my having left Negapatam, in order that Tippoo Sahib's people might " have

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*requeſt you will duplicate and triplicate to the General on this ſubject.—I ſhall do every thing to procure cattle for him and for the Admiral.—What news from Cuddalore and the fleet?*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Tranquebar, June 22, 1783. (Received June .)

*Your Letter of the 18th came to hand yeſterday about noon, and I ſincerely congratulate you on your great ſucceſs of the 13th.—I ſent a copy to Mr. Sulivan of your Letter to the Admiral of the 14th; alſo of the Letter of the 18th from Mr. Cloſe. You will perceive I had accounts of your ſucceſs through the Black Channel.*

*I ſend you two Letters received from , alſo a Letter from Colonel Fullarton of the 20th.—I alſo ſend for your peruſal, copy of a Letter I wrote to Colonel Fullarton on the 19th from Negapatam, which he muſt have received the 20th at night.*

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EXTRACT of a Letter, dated Trichinopoly, June 22, 1783. (Received through Mr. B. Cochrane by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*The Army (C. F.'s), marched this morning very unexpectedly, but where, it is not known; it is ſurmiſed upon a cattle expedition amongſt the Polygars on the borders of Tondeman.—Nothing new from the weſtward; no large body of horſe as was expected; not one hereabouts. – We heard a heavy firing to the northward on the 20th, in the afternoon.*

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EXTRACT of a Letter, dated Tanjore, June 23, 1783. (Received through Mr. Cochrane by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*On the 21ſt orders arrived here for the 9th battalion, and a brigade of guns to march with the cattle collected as far as Devicottah. It marched yeſterday morning, and on the return here is to join the Southern Army; and it is reported that the orders for the Southern Army joining the grand Camp is countermanded.*

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence from Tanjore, dated June 23, 1783. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

" *The Army marched to Tour-Goody yeſterday, and* " *return to-day.—They have made a ſweep of cattle.* " *Every thing is carried againſt General Stuart, and* " *the Select Committee ſeem diſpleaſed at the tardineſs of his operations, and very angry at his*



" *recalling*

" have no pretence for disturbing the Dutch families there; and requested " him to lose no time in informing the officer commanding the party of horse " of my arrival here, and that it was not necessary his proceeding to Nega- " patam, should he have any such design." I received in answer a very polite note, thanking me for my attention to the welfare of the Dutch families, informing me that he had the day before wrote to the commanding officer,

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" *recalling the Southern Army, which will move back again, but to be reinforced.—All orders* " *to come through the Committee.*

EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Tranquebar, June 24, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*I send off express the inclosed Letter, which, after perusal, pray forward.*

*It will be unfortunate indeed, should the siege be delayed by means of Colonel Fullarton's* not *receiving the orders.*——*General Stuart says, that he has had no Letters from Madras these twelve days.*

[Enclosure referred to in the preceding Letter.]

EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Col. Fullarton, dated Tranquebar, June 24, 1783.

*Having last night seen a Letter from your Secretary Mr. Paterson, dated Trichinopoly the 21st, saying, that you was still waiting for further orders from the Commander in Chief; I think it necessary, for your information, to give you Extracts of Letters I have received from General Stuart, and his Aid-de-camp Captain Close; also Lieutenant Brickmire, commanding at Chillumbrum.*

The following are the Dates of the Extracts of Letters enclosed to Colonel Fullarton.

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EXTRACT, *Letter from General Stuart to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Camp before Cuddalore, June 18, 1783. Received at Tranquebar June 21.*

EXTRACT, *Letter from Captain Close (Aid-de-camp) to Mr. B. C. dated Camp, one mile south of Cuddalore, June 18, 1783. Received 21.*

EXTRACT, *Letter from General Stuart to Mr. B. C. dated Camp near Cuddalore, noon, June 21, 1783. Received at Tranquebar, June 24.*

EXTRACT, *Letter from General Stuart to Mr. B. C. dated June 22, half past one. Received Tranquebar, June 24.*

COPY, *Letter from Lieut. Brickmire to Mr. B. C. dated Chillumbrum, June 20.*

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officer, repreſenting to him Tippoo Sahib's intention regarding the Negapatam diſtricts; and hoped he would obey his maſter's orders in not attempting to plunder them. By this I was ſenſible the Dutch viewed my leaving Negapatam in the light I wiſhed them to do. But my motive was alſo to prevent, by every means, the horſe proceeding to Nagore and Negapatam, which would put a ſtop to the ſhipping off the rice and paddy that I had purchaſed there, for the uſe of your Army; and I therefore (before leaving Negapatam)

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence received through Mr. B. Cochrane, from Tanjore, June 24, 1783. } *"They talk now of croſſing the River to-morrow, and moving by the way of Warrior-Pollam. "Captain Blacker got into one of their camps with his, and the 7th battalion, and took 18 horſes, a camel, baggage, &c."*

EXTRACT.

Letter to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Tanjore, June 24. } *"The 9th battalion, which marched from hence two days "ago for Devicottah, carried but twelve days rice, and "none can be procured at Devicottah. I requeſt, therefore, you will be pleaſed to ſend to that "place a ſmall ſupply equal to the conſumption of 500 men for ten days, as ſoon as you ſhall hear "from Lieut. Godfrey, or of his arrival at Devicottah."*

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence from Tanjore, June 25. } *The horſe have been as far as Papanhauſen this morning; it is ſaid they are gone back to Pandanaloor. The Tanjore grenadiers will be here in a day or two; I underſtand the Topaſſes are to be left in Trichinopoly.—Captain W. Bruce appointed to command at Tanjore till further orders; the Army moves to-morrow, it is ſaid, acroſs the river.*

*The Southern Army moves eaſtward poſitively, and, as I am informed, croſs the river as this day from Trichinopoly.*—The orders of the Board direct otherwiſe.

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence from Tranquebar, June 26, 1783. } *Captain Le Belle, a Frenchman, Captain of a country ſhip, who left Cuddalore yeſterday morning, arrived here this afternoon, and ſays, that after the action of the 20th, both fleets came to anchor off Pondicherry; that Sir Edward got under way firſt, and formed the line; and M. Suffrein did the ſame, and bore down upon him; on which Sir Edward Hughes ſet ſail and ſtood towards Madras, and M. Suffrein returned and anchored in Cuddalore Roads the 24th at night: That he was to land about 1500 men from his fleet, and to make a ſally on our trenches as to-night: That Mr. Salvert and another captain was killed, one of the ſhips loſt her main maſt, and Sir Edward loſt his mizen top-maſt.*

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Negapatam) explained the matter fully to the head merchants at Nagore, and desired them to be under no apprehensions, as a force would soon march to clear the country of the enemy. They were satisfied, and promised to remain at *Nagore*; and order all the vessels they expected to anchor off there. My head Dhobash, and other servants, remain with them, in order to convince the inhabitants of their safety; but they have directions to have the boatmen at all times in readiness to put off with the Chilingas and Catamarans

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Tranquebar June 26, (Received June 29, 1783.) } *I wrote to you the day before yesterday. I now enclose a copy of my Letter to Colonel Fullarton, and hope you will approve of the Extracts I have made.*

*This moment I have a Note from Lieut. Brickmire, dated yesterday at half past one o'clock, telling me of his having forwarded my Letter of the 24th to you, and adds,* "*The two fleets* "*have not been in sight off Chillumbrum since the 20th instant, the day they came to action.*— "*The General has wrote to me the day before yesterday, that the French fleet were in sight to the* "*northward, and the English fleet after them.*"

*The assistant to Captain Hearsey has received a Letter wrote from the Beach at the landing-place the 23d at 10 A. M. saying,* "*That the French fleet were in sight that morning off Cud-* "*dalore, and no appearance of our fleet.*"

*This goes by the Tapal with the copy of my Letter to Col. Fullarton.—I have added in a* P. S. *(to C. F.) the news of this evening.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Tranquebar, June 27, 1783. 9 P.M. (Received June 29.) } *Enclosed I send you Extracts of Intelligence to the latest hour.—I have stopped the sailing of the vessels from hence. Two out of three of these Donys must belong to the Company, which is a loss of 30 five-eighths garce of paddy; I can't help it, and shall only redouble my exertions in procuring more, and keeping it in readiness in the roads.*

*We judge from the news you sent Mr. Brickmire the 23d, that the English fleet are at anchor to the north of Pondicherry.*

Monf. Le Belle, *who brought the news, is very anxious to sell off all the provisions he had bought for the use of the French Army and Fleet (private property), and wants to buy clothes for the Mauritius.—This has the appearance that he has a bad opinion of the French cause. I send you a Letter received from Colonel Fullarton * by this day's Tapal. Duplicate of this Letter and the Enclosures shall go by the Tapal to Chillumbrum just now.—This goes by a Catamaran that will be at Porto-novo to-morrow morning early.*

* This was C. Fullarton's Letter to me, through Mr. C. dated Trichinopoly Plain, June 25, the other Duplicates *directly* to me from the Colonel, are dated June 24. J. S. 1784.

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marans immediately on the approach of the enemy. Many of the poor inhabitants reſiding in the Daniſh bounds have been cut and plundered, by the enemy's horſe; and it is ſtrongly reported they are to proceed further ſouth, as ſoon as they are reinforced: however, I hope they will be prevented, by a detachment from the Southern Army moving to *Combaconum*. I do not believe their number exceeds 300 horſe.

*The Engliſh Fleet, conſiſting of 30 ſail, were ſeen off here, at ſun-riſe, yeſterday, and immediately tacked, and ſtood to the northward, with a crowd of ſail.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, dated Tranquebar, June 27, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 29.)

*I ſend you the news to the lateſt hour.—Two of the Donys (taken) muſt be loaded with the Company's paddy, 30 five-eighths garce; we can't help it; I ſhall redouble my exertions to procure more, and keeping the veſſels ready here.—In caſe we hear nothing of Sir Edward's fleet, we ought to ſend the paddy and rice by bullocks, but I have none.—I cannot believe Sir Edward is gone; the only thing in favour of his going is the want of water, but he muſt now have had at leaſt a fortnight on board.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to Colonel Fullarton, Tranquebar, June 27, 1783.

*Your very kind Letter of the 25th came to hand this day, and I have forwarded the Letter to General Stuart.—Clarke is at Negapatam, and I have left my Letter to Mr. Sulivan open for him to take a copy of the Extracts and News, and to encloſe it to you by ſame Tapal.*

*For God's ſake make all the haſte you can, otherways I am much afraid the reduction of Cuddalore will not take place; much indeed depends on your getting down ſoon.*

*The French ſeem to be in ſpirits, and their being headed by M. Suffrein is all againſt us.—What a pity it was Sir Edward was not able to water at Porto-novo.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. J. Sulivan, dated Tranquebar, June 28, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)

*I ſend you the lateſt news, pray forward it to Col. Fullarton to haſten him on, who, I am much afraid, will arrive too late to be of any ſervice to the Public.*

*By all accounts, the French will ſtill continue to make ſallies; and now, as Sir Edward is gone to Madras (which is the opinion of Monſ. Le Beaume), a very ſtrong force will be landed to aſſiſt.*

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*A Catamaran-man, juſt now arrived, ſays, that yeſterday morning, about* 8 *o'clock, he ſaw the French Fleet, conſiſting of* 19 *ſail, off Devicottah-point; and, on a ſignal being made, they ſtood to the eaſtward. Soon after he ſaw a Fleet of* 30 *ſail in full ſail for the ſouthward, after the French Fleet; and, about one o'clock he could diſcover the two Fleets together, likewiſe a great ſmoak; but could not hear the report of the cannon.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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*As ſoon as theſe horſe are drove out of the Tanjore countries, I think we might ſend the grain to Chillumbrum by land; and, if you approve, pray ſend the bullocks.—It is impoſſible to ſend rice or any thing elſe by ſea, even to the Coleroon river.*

*By Letter from Trichinopoly, Colonel Fullarton was not to paſs till the* 28*th (as this day), and it was the rumour* there, *that Cuddalore would fall before he could reach the Grand Army. Perhaps the latter will be under the neceſſity of raiſing the ſiege for want of the aſſiſtance of the Southern Army.*

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence through M. B. Cochrane from Tranquebar, dated June 28, 1783. } *This forenoon arrived the Portugueſe Ketch Batildo, which left Madras the* 16*th inſtant, and came up along ſhore; while at anchor to the northward of Pondicherry, heard the firing of the two fleets on the* 20*th, which continued till eight o'clock at night. Next morning the French fleet were diſcovered at anchor a little to the northward, and, after refitting, they got under way and anchored in fifteen fathom water.—On the* 22*d, in the morning, ſaw the Engliſh fleet to leeward of that of the French, ſtanding towards them, and a frigate in advance. M. Suffrein immediately got under way, and ſtood direct out to ſea. The Engliſh fleet tacked and ſtood out alſo, and was ſoon out of ſight. In the evening the French fleet returned;—the* 23*d M. Suffrein diſpatched his frigate out to the eaſtward, as was ſuppoſed, to ſee whether the Engliſh fleet were ſtanding to the ſouthward; they afterwards returned, and M. Suffrein arrived in Cuddalore roads the* 24*th inſtant.*

*This veſſel, after getting as far as Porto-novo, was brought back by a frigate to Cuddalore roads; and Captain Ludlam, an officer of his Majeſty's* 98*th, was taken out by M. Suffrein, notwithſtanding Mr. Ludlam aſſuring Mr. Suffrein that he was in his way to Europe, and no longer in the ſervice. M. Suffrein, however, mentioned that he would only detain him for a ſhort time.*

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence from Tranquebar, June 29, 1783. } *During laſt night the Portugueſe ketch ſailed for Trincomalee with a French officer on board who had come in her from Cuddalore with packets from M. Suffrein, containing orders for all the veſſels and tranſ-*



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[Enclosure in the preceding Letter.]

From Mr. GEEKE (Principal Dutch Inhabitant of Negapatam) to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Tranquebar, June* 20, 1783.

SENSIBLE to your kindness, I return you many thanks for the goodness you have been pleased to shew to the families at Negapatam. I have already, yesterday, communicated to the Commanding Officer of the party of horse in this country, the Nabob *(Tippoo's)* intentions, regarding the Negapatam districts; and hope they in all obey their master and sovereign's orders. Should it be in my power to be of any service to you, it will be with pleasure.

(Signed) GEEKE.

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*ports there immediately to proceed to Cuddalore. This is known from the circumstance of a French merchant here, who had shipped off some bale goods yesterday forenoon for Trincomalee, and this morning ordered them to be relanded; and, on being asked the reason, he answered, it was not necessary his sending goods there, as all the transports and merchants vessels there were ordered to proceed immediately to Cuddalore; and that M. Suffrein sent an assurance to the merchants that he would be answerable they would not be intercepted by the English fleet.*

*From this circumstance of Mr. Le Belle having in a great hurry sold his cargo of provisions that he had brought from the Mauritius for the use of the French fleet and army; and he and all the French being busy in purchasing piece goods for the Mauritius market, also as a great deal of goods belonging to the French is hourly expected here from Pondicherry and Cuddalore, I should suppose* Mr. Bussy *has some notion of leaving Cuddalore immediately on the arrival of the transports from Trincomalee.*

*The Cleopatra French frigate that left Cuddalore yesterday forenoon, stopped and landed Captain Ludlam, afterwards sailed for Cuddalore. Captain Ludlam confirms the account given yesterday of the two fleets, with this difference, that Sir Edward steered to the North-East immediately on M. Suffrein bearing down on our fleet.—He was on board M. Suffrein, who behaved very polite, and sent the Cleopatra up, on purpose to land him here.—He says that M. Suffrein is of opinion Sir Edward Hughes is gone to Madras; and that the cause of Sir Edward declining the combat, is owing to some seamen that he imagines he sent ashore to assist the Army: That M. Suffrein has accounts of a ship coming from Madras with troops for our Army, has therefore a frigate looking out for her, and a line-of-battle ship and two frigates at anchor to the southward betwixt Porto-novo and Cuddalore.*

## From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Mr. J. SULIVAN.

### EXTRACT.

*Tranquebar, June* 21, 1783. *(Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June .)*

I WROTE you *laſt* night, which you will get *this* evening. It is fortunate my coming here, being near at hand to ſupply the wants of the Army, and give you early information. About ten, this morning, a Catamaran arrived here from camp, with a Letter from a Mr. Kelly to Mr. Mackintoſh, dated the 19th, at night. The Catamaran-man ſays, that yeſterday morning, when off Devicottah, he was purſued by a boat from a frigate belonging to the French Fleet, that was cruizing off there: that he ſaved himſelf by coming on ſhore. Soon after the Fleet, conſiſting of 19 ſail, ſtood out to the eaſtward; at nine our Fleet came in ſight, from the ſouthward; at one had come up with the French Fleet, when he ſaw a great ſmoak, but heard no report of cannon. The man mentioned the French Fleet having been in Cuddalore Roads on the 19th, which is confirmed by the Letter from Mr. Kelly, whoſe words are: "That the French "Fleet are cruizing off Cuddalore, and our Fleet in ſight of them." About noon two Harkarah Sepoys came in, with Letters from General Stuart to me, the lateſt of the 18th. *I ſend, for your peruſal, copy of General Stuart's Letter to the Admiral of the* 14*th, giving an account of the ſucceſs of the* 13*th*: alſo a copy of a Letter from his Aid-de-camp Mr. Cloſe, of the 18th, by which you will perceive, that my Letter to Colonel Fullarton, of the day before yeſterday, *correſponds with the orders ſent*, which, I hope, will arrive in time, before the ſwelling of the rivers prevent his croſſing; for it appears

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*Captain Ludlam, when he left Madras, ſays, that there was a talk of ſome Hanoverians marching with General Burgoyne's regiment of cavalry.*

Evening.

*The accounts of the tranſports and merchants veſſels being ſent for, from Trincomalee, is confirmed by a Frenchman here.*

*The French give out that the four Dutch Indiamen, each mounting fifty guns, that left the Cape in March with the Luxembourgh regiment on board, is arrived at Point de Galle.*

Trichinopoly, 27th June, 1783.

*The guns are croſſing the Cavery to-day.*

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the Grand Army are in want of the aſſiſtance of the Southern force; for *there* it is not known what reinforcement has been thrown into Cuddalore, by Monſ. Suffrein; and we ſuffered much in the attack of the 13th: I am not at liberty to mention the number particularly in officers *.

General Stuart ſays to me, "Colonel Fullarton has wrote to me he would "be at Trichinopoly the 16th; and, I gueſs the 18th he would march (after "croſſing at Trichinopoly) by Warrior-pollam and Pallamcottah, with "light pieces, towards me. Our people are quite worn down with fatigue. "I have repeatedly wrote to reinforce Lieutenant Brickmire at Chillum-"brum, from Tanjore, and to have baſket-boats ready for the commu-"nication, &c."

*You will oblige me much by forwarding the news of this packet to Colonel Fullarton, who, I dare ſay, has received orders before this.*

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## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

### EXTRACT.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 27, 1783.

YOUR Donies, with Daniſh paſſes, are taken by the French cruizers, though one of them was warned by the officer commanding at Porto-novo of their danger he ſtill proceeded. The Havildar is landed from one of them, and ſays they were loaded only with paddy, and ſome blue cloth. You muſt not ſend any thing by ſea, until you know the Admiral is returned. There is a French frigate now off Porto-novo bar, ſo in every way it is impoſſible.

I hear of a battalion going to Devicottah; I don't know by whoſe orders. *It is not the way to Chillumbrum nor to Porto-novo, where we and the Fleet are to be ſerved, and where alone I have a poſt.* I have heard nothing from Colonel Fullarton nor from Mr. Sulivan, acknowledging the receipt of my Letters, concerning the tranſactions here, or my orders for the march.

* See Return, p. 215. 254. J. S. 1784.

*We repulſed the enemy the 25th, in the morning, in the attempt on our parrallel; and have taken a Colonel, who commanded. I expect another viſit of the ſort, from M. Suffrein and his marines.*

(Signed) JAM^s. STUART.

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From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Major General STUART.

EXTRACT.

*Tranquebar, June* 24. *(Received June* 28, 1783.)

ABOUT ten this forenoon Mr. Mackintoſh brought me a packet, containing your Letters of the 21ſt and 22d, and judging that the delay of Colonel Fullarton became too ſerious, I made extracts of your laſt Letters, regarding your expectations when he would march from Trichinopoly, and your not being able to ſpare an eſcort for the money to me; alſo of the French Fleet getting into Cuddalore and landing what they pleaſed, and *Extract* of Mr. Cloſe's official Letter of the 18th, and copy of Mr. Brickmire's Letter of the 20th, informing me that the horſe were all about Chillumbrum, plundering the country. Every thing proper I wrote out, and ſent off by an Expreſs Tapal to Col. Fullarton, under the plea that I laſt night ſaw a Letter from his ſecretary Mr. Patterſon, dated Trichinopoly the 21ſt, ſaying that he (Colonel Fullarton) waited for the orders of the Commander in Chief; therefore I ſent him thoſe extracts for his information. I ſent this Letter *open for the peruſal of Mr. Sulivan*; and requeſted him to forward it immediately. This I judged the beſt mode *of ſhewing Mr. S. that you require a reinforcement, inſtead of being in a ſtate of detaching any to the Southern Army*. A copy ſhall be ſent you. The Tapal from Tanjore is arrived; but no Letter from Colonel Fullarton, acknowledging the receipt of my Letter of the 19th, which he muſt have received the 20th, in the evening; for, in conſequence of which, he muſt have ordered the 9th battalion of Sepoys, with two guns, to Devicottah, with the cattle: neither have I any acknowledgment of my Letter of the 21ſt from hence, which certainly reached Trichinopoly the 22d, at night.

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I ſaw another Letter from , dated Tanjore, the 23d, ſaying that Letters are arrived from the Government of Madras, diſapproving much of your having recalled the Southern Army; alſo blaming your having been

ſo dilatory; and ordering the Southern Army to be reaſſembled again, and to proceed and conquer Tippoo's country; and that the 9th battalion, after having eſcorted the cattle to Devicottah, was to return and join the Southern Army. Mr. , who dined with me to-day, ſays, that Mr. M. the French reſident, told him, "that you was going on ſlow, but with great "certainty: however, if you was much longer about it, ſome troops from "Hyder's country would oblige you to raiſe the ſiege." This is partly an acknowledgment of his having received a Letter from the camp that was marching towards Daraporam. In ſhort, the converſation has been, for theſe ſome days paſt, that the Southern Army was to march back; but I hope not. I loſe no time in ſending you this news by Tapal to Chillumbrum. All the ſupplies of rice and gram I can poſſibly procure ſhall be ſent; and I beg that you will take the earlieſt opportunity to ſend the money here, under charge of Golar Peons.

I have juſt now been able to borrow from one of the factors here 5000 P. N. Pagodas, to be repaid out of the firſt caſh that comes from camp; ſo that, with 1320 I have borrowed at Tanjore, the buſineſs will go on well yet. I find the Manar ſhip is not ſailed yet; but will to-morrow morning at five o'clock. Duplicate of this goes by her. To-morrow night will ſail about 700 bales of rice and gram from theſe roads.

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## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 28, 1783.

I HAD the honour of writing to you by way of Permacoil laſt night. The enemy made no attempt upon our parallel, ſtill I think they will do ſo more than once before the Admiral returns, if he is gone, as it is ſaid, to Madras, I hope it is not ſo; for I cannot venture to anſwer for the conſequence.

Almoſt every perſon here of any conſequence has Letters from Madras with the moſt important news from England and the other coaſt.—I have not a ſyllable from your Lordſhip, &c. ſince the Note

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of the Right Hon. Preſident of the 14th; neither have I received any Letter in anſwer to *five* of mine written to Colonel Fullarton ſince the 16th.—I ſee Extracts of Letters from the Tanjore country; half of them ſay, he is reaſſembling the Army, *by your orders, for a weſtern expedition;* the others ſay, he is to croſs the river at Trichinopoly as ordered, by the way of Warrior-pollam and Pallamcottah;—time will ſhew it; *but this Army is mean while quite ſpent!*

The Catamarans, which I ordered three days ago to the ſouthward, off Porto-novo, have been ſucceſsful in bringing into that place a *dony* belonging to a private merchant here, and I hope they will have the ſame effect in regard to any ſent by Mr. Cochrane, before he was warned of the danger from the French fleet.

*M. Suffrein* is exactly in the ſame poſition as yeſterday, only that he has called in his frigates from off Porto-novo.—The enemy are buſy at work, and I can only attempt to prevent it by our light guns in *ricochet*, which have a temporary effect during the day.—Several Letters have paſſed between *Monſ. Buſſy* * and me on what regards the priſoners in our power.—I have not ſent him the copy of your Letter concerning the exchange of priſoners, becauſe, on many accounts, I do not think this is the preciſe time to have any ſuch *parlé* with him.

Our caſh is almoſt entirely out.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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From Colonel FULLARTON to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

[Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, June 29.]

*Trichinopoly Plain, June* 25, 1783.

TILL your Letter reached me, I did not think myſelf at liberty to proceed further without knowing the General's intentions reſpecting my route, objects, &c. As ſoon as I received yours, on the 23d, I uſed every effort to proceed, in obedience to your intimation of the General's orders.

* All my correſpondence with M. Buſſy was ſent to the Select Committee for record. J. S. 1784.

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*I received all the Letters nearly together.* That of the 19th came on the ſame day with the Letter of the 16th; ſo that the Harkarahs are not equal in induſtry.

I ſhall croſs the river as ſoon as poſſible, and proceed with the ſame diſpatch * that I have marched with, ſince I received the General's firſt orders. I incloſe a Triplicate for him. The Original and Duplicate are gone by his own Harkarahs. I ſhall write him more fully to-morrow.

I am afraid of no delay whatever on my march (as I ſhall be very lightly equipped), *except the croſſing of the Coleroon* †, *which is at preſent very deep.* But if it were a mile to the bottom I ſhall croſs it.

I approve of Clarke's movement very much; and ſhall continue to approve of every ſtep that he may take, with your approbation, for the public ſervice.

I rejoice to hear of the probable poſſeſſion of Cuddalore; but ſhall, at all events, proceed according to my orders: for the poſſibility of the ſurrender would not juſtify an hour's delay in an officer in my predicament, whoſe *creed* is to be pointed in his duty.

I wiſh Clarke would ſend me a Duplicate of his ſecret ſervice chitts, which I ſhall ſign with great pleaſure. I have miſlaid thoſe he ſent me; and cannot find them.

(Signed) W^m^ FULLARTON.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June* 29, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to receive (through Mr. Cochrane) your Note of June 25, marked Triplicate, *being the firſt account of your having mine of the* 16*th*, 17*th, and* 19*th.* I am vexed to find that theſe Letters were *eight days* on the road to you, though uſually only *two.* There is no help for it now.

I expect you will have been on *this ſide of the river* on the 28th at fartheſt, and have no doubt of your moving on with all the expedi-

* *See Extracts, p.* 220, 221; *alſo C. F.'s Letter to Capt. Macleod, from Yarricotta, June* 8*th, p.* 222. J. S. 1784.

† *See my Letter to C. F. p.* 163, *towards the middle.* J. S. 1784.

tion in your power. This is ſo requiſite, that I don't wiſh you to go to Verdachelum, or any where out of the *ſtraight* road from Pallamcottah to a village called Venkatemapettah, about ſixteen miles from our camp, where you will find further orders from me, upon a plan concerted, ſo as to make *the moſt* of your ſituation before joining us.

I expect to hear from you once or twice every day upon your march; I am ſorry you are incumbered with ſlaughter-cattle, as, by ſome previous precaution, we are likely to be in no want of them. I ſhould have been happy to have had an *exact return* of your force, in the garriſon-cypher; for I really do not know what it conſiſts of.

*The French are here in their fulleſt force by land and ſea;* and I know nothing certain of our Admiral. *Monſ. Buſſy* having ſuch advantage, concerted a *ſortie* on the morning of the 25th, and gave the command of it to *Monſ. Le Chevalier de Damas*, colonel of the regiment of Aquitaine.—We took this Gentleman, with two or three others; killed three or four more officers; and, I ſuppoſe, of killed, wounded, and priſoners, there may be about 300.

This is their *ſecond land-check, I look for a Marine ſortie next*, and wiſh it were to be headed by M. Suffrein.—If he remains here, you may yet be in at the *death*.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

EXTRACT.

*Camp South of Cuddalore, June* 30, 1783.

I HAVE received your Letter of the 28th, with your paper of news. The affair of the 25th was nearly as deciſive, in its way, as that of the 13th, and coſt us only Major Cotgrave and another officer, with 15 or 16 killed or wounded.

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I have expected a *marine* ſally here, theſe two nights paſt; but they ſeem rather ſhy.

This day a frigate, which we take to be either the Active or Medea, is as a flag of truce (ſeemingly) with M. Suffrein, and at anchor. She has an Engliſh blue pendant above a white flag. *We gueſs* ſhe is from the Admiral, to announce the peace being ſigned in Europe the 9th of February, of which there are accounts over land; but we are not certain, and no intimation is come to me from M. Buſſy; there have even been ſome ſhot fired from Cuddalore: however that may be, we are upon our guard; and I deſire you will not relax a bit, of your preparations to provide every thing for us. The public followers are already in want.

Mr. J. Sulivan ſays he never received my Letter of the 15th, with the account of our action of the 13th; neither have you acknowledged the receipt of the copy of what I wrote the Admiral the 14th.

Mr. J. Sulivan *talks* of his ſending me by water, from Triviar 4000 cullums of paddy, unleſs I think of another way. I ſhall adviſe to ſend it in the other branch to Trimalvady, ſo as it may be ſtored at Chillumbrum; and ſurely you might find us ſome way to ſend us paddy and rice, in like manner, by Sheally, towards Chillumbrum, to Porto-novo, *even though the* ☞ *French be maſters at ſea.* But if the cartel is mutual, and the peace acknowledged, you may ſend every thing of the grain ſpecies directly to us. Uſe every endeavour to get all things in readineſs. Our Bazar is quite deſtitute of every comfort for the poor Sepoys.

*I have no accounts of the Admiral:* if he is gone to Madras I ſhall know it by Tapal.

I look for Colonel Fullarton to be within a day's march of me the 5th July; and I have concerted a movement in conſequence, even though the French neutrality ſhould take place in appearance: it will be all on our ground; for they have not by the peace one inch more than at the laſt peace, 1763 *.

I have ſent a knowing man to reconnoitre the Frigate (with a flag of truce), and it is reported to be the Active; *but, as I have no meſſage from M. Buſſy,* I am reſolved to take more precautions than uſual againſt a ſally. M. Suffrein has called in his out-cruizers from off our landing-place; ſtill I think it is not ſafe for you to ſend your donys, but only to have them in readineſs, on an hour's notice.

* This was the private news in camp at the time. J. S. 1784.

Mr. J. Sulivan writes me on the 23d *a compliment on the buſineſs of the 13th. He ſays he heard of it from others, and never received my Letter of the 15th: * however a copy of it is gone to the Committee.*

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

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## † From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, June* 30, 1783. *At night.*

I HAVE now to acquaint your Lordſhip, &c. that *yeſterday, the 29th,* (and not before) I received your Letter of the 3d of June, though marked *Triplicate*, and incloſed in another Letter from you, dated the 17th.

In regard to that Letter, June the 3d, I think myſelf and my conduct ſo perſonally and ſo pointedly attacked, that, when I have more leiſure from public buſineſs than at preſent, I ſhall dedicate it, to offer ſuch an anſwer *as from a candid conſtruction of the reaſons of my conduct, added to an indiſputable ſtate of facts* ‡, *juſtice will be done me, in the quarter* ☞ *where it is moſt eſſential for me to look for it.* Mean while the dye is thrown, and your Lordſhip, &c. are poſſeſſed of the original order given to Colonel Fullarton, which, to the beſt of my judgment, and from the *then* exigency of public affairs I was led to iſſue; *an exigency ſince ſo much encreaſed by the whole impending power of France in India, by ſea and land, being within muſket-ſhot of me:* I ſay, that encreaſed exigency is ſuch, that *I cannot, without direct treachery* § *on my part, and abandoning of the truſt repoſed in me, be induced to recal the order given*

* *See page* 218. J. S. 1784.

† *This Letter is referred to page* 23, *State of Facts and Proofs, Part* II. J. S. 1784.

‡ *Such is the object of my preſent views in this Collection.* J. S. 1784.

§ *See Remarks,* ☞ *page* 285. J. S. 1784.

(as mentioned in your ſaid Letter of June 3d). *I am anſwerable for it, and I ſhall ſtand to every poſſible conſequence.*

I have Letters from Colonel Fullarton, dated the 25th, who, *to my utter ſurpriſe*, had received all my Letters, from the 16th, *in one day*, viz. the 24th, though the uſual time of conveyance is only *three* days.

After leaving ſufficient garriſons, and the heavy artillery at Trichinopoly and Tanjore, he expects to croſs about the 28th; and I expect to hear of him within a march of us, about the 5th of next month, at which time I ſhall, in concert with him, make a move with part of this Army, ſo as to encompaſs Trivadie and all the out-parties of the enemy, and from thence take poſſeſſion of *all the Bound-hedge which is now, for the greater part, open to the enemy to receive their ſupplies*; ☞ *and your Lordſhip, &c.* * *know the reaſon!*

Nothing was attempted by the enemy ſince my laſt addreſs to you. I gueſs they muſt have ſuffered more conſiderably than I had firſt thought, in their unſucceſsful ſally of the 25th. Indeed, by Mr. Cochrane's intelligence, received this day, their own accounts make their loſs, killed, wounded, and priſoners, to be above 450. He has received the Letters forbidding the ſending any ſupplies until we are maſters at ſea. He mentions his intention to ſend grain by *Sheally* and the rivers; and Mr. Sulivan, *who, I am ſorry to find, never received my Letter of the 15th*, writes, that he will prepare boats in order to ſend grain higher up by the rivers.

I ſhall give him my opinion to ſend it forward from *Triviar*, ſo as to be put in the boats, and to come by the branch oppoſite to *Chillumbrum*. The outer gates of that place are ready to be hung. The mines are filled up, and the upper-works repaired; all the 34 guns are unſpiked:

* See p. 130, 131.—p. 133, paragraph 1ſt.—p. 145, paragraph 2d.—p. 177, 178.—p. 200, 201.—p. 207, &c. meaning the delay of the Southern Force joining!

J. S. 1784.

there is a ſerjeant and two artillery-men ſent; and paddy is forwarding from thence to *Porto-novo*.

All which has been done by Lieutenant Brickmire, with his own two companies of Sepoys, without the aſſiſtance of a ſingle Sepoy from the Tanjore country; and, notwithſtanding of my orders for a reinforcement of a battalion, or at leaſt of five companies, I am told from thence, on the contrary (by ſomebody that I don't know), that only a company of Sibendies will be ſent. *The infinite importance of Chillumbrum, in every point of view, leads me to make this repreſentation to you.* ☞

This morning, to our great ſurpriſe, we find, to all appearance, that a frigate, ſeen yeſterday afternoon, and chaſed by the enemy, came of herſelf into Cuddalore roads, where we now ſee her, with a white flag, and Engliſh colours over it, *evidently the ſignals of a flag of truce*. Many of our gentlemen think ſhe is either the *Active* or the *Medea*. Soon after ſhe came to an anchor, *M. Suffrein* called in the *Fendant* and *Coventry*, ſtationed near our late landing-place; and, by my report, no guns have been fired from the fort this day: however, as I have had no intimation of the ſort from *Monſ. de Buſſy*, to this effect, I have taken meaſures and given orders as if I believed it to be a *feinte* on the part of the enemy, thinking thereby to put us off our guard.

Several of our Bengal Laſcars have ſwam aſhore from the French Fleet, who all agree that Sir Edward Hughes went to Madras after the 23d: for my own part I have not the ſmalleſt intimation or knowledge concerning our Fleet, excepting what Lieutenant Dawes writes.

The public and private followers of this Army are likely to be in a ſtarving condition until the return of our proviſion ſhips; as to the *fighting men*, and thoſe abſolutely of neceſſity employed in preparing materials, I have, fortunately, the means of ſubſiſtence for full 14 days; and I ſhall run the riſk of ſtarving, rather than give up one inch of

of the *advantage-ground* ſo glorioufly acquired by this Army. *If* ☞ *ever that happens, the blame will not lay with me!*

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

## ☞ REMARKS.

I believe no intelligent perſon, not even among Dutchmen, ever yet doubted the extreme bad policy of fettering military operations by field deputies from Government; but how much more abſurd and ruinous the ſyſtem of reference to a ſedentary civil power or board locally diſtinct, ſuch as dictated by the following Letter from Lord Macartney, &c. of June 17!—I place it now in full view at the ſame time with the very critical ſituation I was brought into when this ſtrange mandate was received, forbidding me all aſſiſtance from the Southern Force *by land*, and was (as it happened) iſſued on the preciſe day, when to the public, and my misfortune, we were deprived of all aſſiſtance *by ſea* *, owing to the *intervention* of M. Suffrein, and the whole of the French ſquadron in Cuddalore roads. The general combination of *foreign* enemies againſt our country at a certain period of the laſt war, muſt have affected every man of real public ſpirit, how much muſt that ſenſibility be encreaſed on the reflection, that *pique*, *ignorance*, or *obſtinacy* amongſt *ourſelves* ſhould have defeated well-laid plans to extricate our country from ſuch ſurrounding dangers and difficulties!

It is the *counteraction* of Lord Macartney and S. C. in the campaign againſt the French at Cuddalore, which I have immediately in my eye by the preceding Remarks.

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* See my Letter to Col. Fullarton, page 231. J. S. 1784.

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N. B. *The following Letter from the Select Committee to Col. Fullarton, was received by me, on the 29th of June, incloſed with the Triplicate of their Letter to me, of June 3d, above mentioned. The other copies of that Letter (June 3d) muſt have been intercepted by the enemy; becauſe a French tranſlation of it was received through M. Moiſſac, the Captain of M. Suffrein's ſhip; and I ſent that Tranſlation to the Select Committee, July 19.* J. S. 1784.

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[Encloſure in the Triplicate of the Select Committee's Letter, June 3d.]
Copy received June 29th.

* From the Select Committee to Colonel FULLARTON, &c.

*Fort St. George, June* 17, 1783.

BY a Triplicate Copy now incloſed to you of our Letter of the 3d inſtant, to Major General Stuart, you will find, *that we have deſired the General to tranſmit to us any orders which he might think expedient to be ſent to you, and which, if we ſhall approve, we ſhall confirm and ſend to you*; and alſo directing him to countermand any orders he had ſent to you previouſly to the receipt of our Letter, but to ſend us copies of them for our conſideration; and that, in caſe of our approbation, we may likewiſe direct the execution of them.

As we have ſent to the General a Duplicate and Triplicate of our Letter to him, he has no doubt countermanded his previous orders to you; but, though ſuch countermand ſhould not arrive, *you will pleaſe conſider his ſeparate orders over-ruled by this Letter.*

We agree with the late Sir Eyre Coote, in his opinion, that an officer in command, at the diſtance you are, much ought to be left to his prudence and diſcretion. In conformity to this opinion, † Sir Eyre Coote purpoſely avoided

* This *countermanding* order to Colonel Fullarton, is referred to p. 24, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. The Original was received by me July 8, accompanying a Letter from Col. Fullarton, of July 1, which does him honour. That Letter will appear in this collection; and, while yet in India, I endeavoured to do that officer juſtice on the occaſion.—See State of Facts and Proofs, p. 31, 32. J. S. 1784.

† I am at a loſs to know where and on what occaſion Sir Eyre Coote made uſe of this argument; but, ſuppoſing it may have been when the General was engaged at the oppoſite extremity of the Carnatic, or at great diſtance from Sir Hector Monro, or Colonel Braithwait, it cannot ſurely, in fair reaſoning, hold good, when applied to my ſituation at the time here alluded to; engaged as I was on the ſcene of action adjacent to the Tanjore country, and with the orders *then* in my pocket from the Preſidency for the junction of the *main* part of the Southern Force with me when *neceſſary*.—A meaſure which formed a moſt eſſential part of the original Plan of Operations towards enſuring the ſucceſs

avoided giving any poſitive orders to General Sir Hector Monro or Colonel Braithwaite, when commanding even in the Tanjore country.

We fully rely on your prudence and diſcretion, and on the aſſiſtance you will receive from Colonel Forbes, next in command to you; and we have directed Major Bruce, an officer of experience and ability to join the troops under your command, in caſe you ſhall judge it neceſſary to call for his ſervice; you will act, when you receive no orders from us *or from General Stuart confirmed by us*, according to the beſt of your judgment, for the defence of the country depending on your protection, and for annoying the enemy.

As the General has declared *that a junction of your troops with his Army was requiſite to the view of Tippoo Sahib's return to the Carnatic*, nothing* *but ſuch an event*

ſucceſs of an object important in the higheſt degree to the national intereſt in India, *with ſuperior advantages then in our power by ſea and land*, had the whole been combined together, which I at one time fondly expected would have been the caſe.

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## * REMARKS.

I confeſs that I was not a little ſurpriſed to find an aſſertion of this nature in a *public official Letter of Government*, which, from fair conſtruction, infers, that I had aſked and obtained the powers to call upon the junction and co-operation of the force under Colonel Fullarton, *ſolely* with the view of the return of Tippoo into the Carnatic. Their words can mean nothing elſe; becauſe the defence of the Southern Provinces was ſufficiently ſecured by the garriſons originally meant by me to be left, *before they were drained by the General Orders of Colonel Fullarton of May 14th* †, *iſſued without my knowledge, and contrary to my plan.* On this occaſion, therefore, I muſt requeſt a cloſe attention to the grounds on which *this or other aſſertions* are made by Lord Macartney and Select Committee. On a review of my correſpondence, I can at preſent find nothing to give a real true colour to warrant the above aſſertion: the only part to which a poſſible alluſion may be made, will be found in my Letter to the Select Committee of May 24th: *the whole paragraph* (page 130) runs thus: "*Report ſays*, that Tippoo's principal force will return to this country, "rather than ſuffer the French to be extinguiſhed. My plan *is* to provide againſt ſuch "an emergency; and it was on this ſuppoſition that I urged chiefly the powers to call "upon the Southern Army *at any time*. Another reaſon is the diſproportion of Native "corps with me, conſidering the duties that will fall to their ſhare in our operations "againſt Cuddalore, and preventing ſupplies being thrown in from the country." The

† See page 129 to 132.

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☞ *event could juſtify a departure from the defence of our Southern Provinces, and late ſouthern acquiſitions, or even from the purſuit as far as practicable and prudent, of further advantages againſt the enemy*; but, in the event of ſuch a return, of which you may have intelligence before it can reach us or General Stuart, *you* will combine the neceſſity of *your* junction with the main Army, with the protection of the countries to the ſouthward of the Coleroon, by leaving ſufficient garriſons in the principal forts.

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1ſt inſtant, informing us of the ſurrender of Daraporam to the Army under your com-

plain inference from ſuch *ſingle paſſage* (mentioning the *report* of Tippoo's return) is, that, after leaving the Preſidency, I wiſhed to be the *ſole* judge upon the ſpot to determine the movements of Colonel Fullarton's force, upon *that and every other poſſible contingence*, without further reference to Fort St. George, which might occaſion a delay incompatible with the nature of military operations.

The *ſuppoſition* of the return of Tippoo had indeed entered ſo little into *my plan for the ſouthern co-operation*, that it is not, as I think, mentioned in any other part of the correſpondence; whereas my clear views and objects *thereby*, will appear by the *marked* * *references* affording, as I truſt, ſuperabundant proofs of the true reaſon why, from the beginning, I made it an *eſſential* part of the plan for the campaign, "*that I ſhould be empowered to command the co-operation of the Southern force.*"

Such is my thorough conviction of the propriety of that *leading* meaſure, that I have the ſtrongeſt reaſon, next to a certainty, to believe that the counteraction of my original plan, reſpecting this Southern force, whether by direct or indirect orders of the *Select Committee* of Fort St. George, or from any other quarter, tending to prevent the ſeaſonable return of the Southern force towards the Coleroon, ſoon after the fall of Dindigul (May 4th) has been, in its conſequences, the principal, if not the ſole cauſe *(by land)* of ſaving the French from the certain ruin that would have otherways befallen them at Cuddalore, before the middle of June, 1783.

Such is my real opinion, given from intimate local knowledge of facts and circumſtances, which, in general, I have brought forward in this collection.—An opinion that I wiſh may be moſt minutely and freely canvaſſed, upon the whole chain and connection of authentic documents, and *not* from partially detached words, as in *the aſſertion* which gave riſe to theſe remarks. JAMs STUART. 1784.

* See Plan of Operations, page 7, 8. Art. 10. 14. 16, 17. See p. 53. paragraph 3d. See N° 2, p. 55. See p. 74, parag. 5. See p. 91, parag. 4. See p. 109, 110. See p. 128, laſt parag. to the end. See Letter *entire* to Sel. Com. p. 129, to 131. See Letter *entire* to Sel. Com. p. 144 to 145. See P. S. p. 158, 159. See Letter *entire* p. 162 to 164. See p. 168, laſt parag. See p. 177 to the end of the Letter. See p. 192, 3d parag. See p. 200, 201. See p. 207, 2d parag. J. S. 1784.

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mand, an event which does great honour * to your ſpirited exertions, and upon which we ſincerely congatulate you.

(Signed) MACARTNEY and Select Committee.

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## From J. SULIVAN, Eſq. to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

[Communicated to Major General Stuart, July .]

### EXTRACT.

*Tanjore, June* 30, 1783.

THE Committee thinks Colonel Fullarton's ſervices requiſite *on this ſide the Coleroon*, and he certainly will not march to Cuddalore.

Surely, if the General is apprehenſive of wanting proviſions, he cannot wiſh to encreaſe his conſumption by 9000 mouths, which I underſtand are the numbers of all ſorts fed with Colonel Fullarton.

The enemy's loſs is greater than ours; and even if M. Suffrein ſhould be mad enough to land his people, they will not † nearly equal the reinforcements which our army has received, and is *receiving*. I am endeavouring to ſend rice by the river.

* See Letter M. Bruce, p. 205, and the other accounts of the taking of this place, Daraporam; alſo ☞ p. 241. J. S. 1784.

☞ † *Such was the aſſertion and the reaſoning of this gentleman upon our comparative ſtrength with that of the French at Cuddalore, by land and ſea, at this moſt critical period; and, after every information in my power to communicate to him; need I on this account, here to refer to my* Remarks *annexed to the State of the Army* (*p.*108), *fixing preciſely our ſtrength, the* 18*th of May? which ſtrength was never encreaſed, except by the reinforcement of* 800 *Europeans (whereof* 600 *were raw men) who joined me by the ſhips with the Iſis, the* 8*th of June. As to the reinforcements here mentioned* (as receiving), *if Mr. Sulivan alluded to the* 12*th battalion of Sepoys and the* 23*d dragoons expected from Madras; my anſwer to this miſinformation is, that not a man of them had left the Preſidency at the date of Mr. Sulivan's Letter, June* 30*th, neither could they have joined me for weeks thereafter: in fact, they never joined.*

J. S. 1784.

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## From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Mr. J. SULIVAN.

(Communicated to Major General Stuart, July .)

EXTRACT.

*Tranquebar, July* 1, 1783.

YOURS of the 30th came to hand to-day. It will give me great joy if General Stuart is able to effect the buſineſs of capturing Monſ. Buſſy and his force, *without* the aſſiſtance of the Southern Army. But I am afraid, for want of ſufficient force, the ſiege will be prolonged until the arrival of the tranſports from Trincomalee, when the garriſon will embark, to return again on the arrival of Tippoo Sahib in the Carnatic.

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## From Major General STUART to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

EXTRACT.

*Camp before Cuddalore, July* 1, 1783.

YOUR packet of the 29th, with encloſures, came ſafe. I now make haſte to ſend you the encloſed *open* to copy. Seal and forward it expeditiouſly. You, on your part, muſt move heaven and earth to ſend by land or river all the rice, gram, and paddy you can forward by the 9th battalion, or part, as eſcort, by Sheally to Chillumbrum and Porto-novo. In a word, conſider my Letter to Mr. Sulivan, and act on your part coaſtways, as he may do higher up, *ſo as Chillnmbrum be* ☞ *ſtored; and, when that is done, every thing is ſafe and eaſy.*

The conduct of the Admiral in thus leaving us, and ſending a cartel without giving me any notice, is moſt unaccountable! There is no looking back—my motto is *Avant*; and it is, I hope with you and Mr. Sulivan, in the *inland* way, yet to relieve us.

The demand from Sheally for cattle is not ſo preſſing; and the detachment *there*, with Lieutenant Godfrey, may *beſt* be employed as an eſcort to the rice or paddy, or gram.

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[Enclosure referred to in the preceding.]

## *From Major General STUART to Mr. J. SULIVAN.

*Camp before Cuddalore, July* 1, 1783.

I HAD the honour of receiving your Letter of the 23d *ultimo*, mentioning your intention to send a quantity of paddy to *Triviar*, to be forwarded to us by water. My wish upon that head (most earnestly expressed) is, to send us, without delay, the largest quantity possible; and, if it can be done without great inconvenience, I could wish the grain, in preference, to be embarked in the boats at *Trimalvady north of Triviar*, so as it may be sent to us by the *Coleroon-branch*, to a landing-place opposite to *Chillumbrum*, *where, on every account, I desire to establish a magazine, and from whence I can with ease and safety transport to Porto-novo, and send the carriage of the Army for it to that place, entirely independent of Monsr. Suffrein, who still remains the uncontrouled master at sea.* I am sorry to add, he is likely to remain so, for a considerable time; having this day received undoubted intelligence from Permacoil, that our Admiral, with all our provisions and store-ships, were at anchor in Madras roads the 24th.

This, therefore, Mr. Sulivan, increases the urgent necessity, not only by all means possible to send us rice and paddy, but to quicken the march of Colonel Fullarton. I have requested of Mr. Cochrane to find some way in communication *with the rivers, Chillumbrum and Porto-novo*, to send us assistance in like manner.

There is a Letter received from the officer commanding a detachment with bullocks and sheep at Sheally; he does not know how to get on to Chillumbrum, and I am sure I do not know how to help him *from this Army*; but I have written to Brickmire upon the subject, if he (the officer) can be of assistance in escorting the boats, which I expect

* This Letter is referred to p. 25, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. J. S. 1784.

you will ſend us ſoon, loaded in the way I mention, he will do eſſential ſervice alſo in eſcorting whatever rice or gram Mr. Cochrane may ſend us in the other direction. All this I muſt leave to you, after acquainting in general, that *Chillumbrum and Porto-novo are the places from whence this Army are now to be ſupplied while the enemy are maſters at ſea.* ☞

Yeſterday we were ſurpriſed with the appearance of a ſtrange ſhip, having a white flag with an Engliſh pendant over it at her main top-gallant maſt-head. She is now anchored in the midſt of them, in Cuddalore roads. It ſeems generally agreed that ſhe is either the *Medea* or *Active*, and ſuppoſed to be *a cartel from our Admiral.* If ſo, it is aſtoniſhing beyond meaſure, that I ſhould not, ſomehow or other, be furniſhed with the *duplicate* of her diſpatch; for moſt undoubtedly *Monſ. Buſſy* will do all that he has to do before ſending me any meſſage on the occaſion.

Nothing, in ſuch appearances, will induce me to be off my guard, ☞ but rather the contrary, having ever in view, *That we are here within two muſket-ſhot of near ten thouſand Europeans, our enemies, and, to all appearance, left to ourſelves*; but there is, thank God, good *ſtamina!* and nothing but the extremity of famine ſhall ever force me to give up one inch of the *advantage-ground* here, ſo honourably acquired by this brave Army. I truſt and hope, Sir, by your means and by Mr. Cochrane's, to be freed from this direful neceſſity *expeditiouſly*, and in the direction mentioned, being what we chiefly want at preſent.

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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## * From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, July* 1, 1783.

I NOW learn, by a Letter from Lieutenant Dawes, the undoubted melancholy truth, that the Admiral, with every thing we had to depend upon, *in the co-operation way*, was in Madras roads the 25th. Reaſoning on that ſubject is now of no avail! We muſt look forward; and, on this plan, in order to guard againſt famine, I have written in Triplicate to Mr. Sulivan and Mr. Cochrane, to ſend us by *land* and by the *rivers*, all the paddy, rice, and gram, of every ſort they can. I informed you, yeſterday, how many days I had for the fighting men; and I am to requeſt of you to be urgent with the Admiral, proportioned to that information, ſo as he may return *within* the time. My precaution at Porto-novo, as alſo the ſervice of the *two battalions*, *which we can ſo little ſpare*, goes now entirely for nothing; and yet I cannot withdraw them, for the ſake of appearances!

* This Letter is referred to page 24, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Tranquebar, June 30, 1783. (Received July .) } *I ſend you encloſed tranſlate of the tranſactions betwixt Tippoo and the Mharattas, alſo the news of the day. I am concerned at the tardineſs of Colonel Fullarton.—Copy of my Letter of the 22d, which I ſent by laſt night's Tapal, acknowledges the receipt of your Letter of the 14th to the Admiral.*

*In a day or two more I ſhall know for certain, if all the horſe have quitted the country.*

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EXTRACTS of Intelligence, Tanjore, June 28, 1783. } *No news from the Southward except a Letter from Tellicherry of the 6th inſtant, which mentions that Mathews is well, and ſtill in poſſeſſion of Bidenore.—The firſt part of the Southern Army were to croſs the Coleroon as this day, and it will be three or four days before they are all over.*

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Tranquebar, June 30, 1783. } *The Cleopatra frigate, inſtead of returning to Cuddalore, as mentioned yeſterday, proceeded to the ſouthward of Negapatam, and has now paſſed this to the northward.*

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Trichinopoly,

*The ſtamina of this Army is ſo ſound, that I am in hopes it will bear us* ☞ *through our difficulties; but, all things taken together, the like never occurred in my reading, obſervation, or experience.*

The Engliſh frigate, for ſuch we take her to be, had her *cartel flag* up, the whole night: ſhe is anchored in the midſt of the French. They continue their working-parties: we fire upon them; and they return the compliment, as uſual. No meſſage of any ſort has been ſent us; and, though I am *Commander in Chief of this Army, and a Member of your Government*, I neither have any communication on this ſubject, nor have I any Letter from you later than the 17th, *encloſing the Triplicate of your Letter of the 3d (firſt* received the 29th *ult.)*, and yet there are twenty Letters in this Army ſo late as the 24th and 25th; and one in particular, "that your Lordſhip, &c. had received my diſ-"patch of the 15th, *with the accounts of what paſſed the 13th*," *of which I have had no acknowledgment.* Your Lordſhip, &c. are at liberty to do on this as you pleaſe: I alſo will take the liberty *thus* to repreſent it.

Mr. Cochrane informs me of the 29th, that the Cleopatra French frigate landed Mr. Ludlam at Tranquebar; and that he had undoubted

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Trichinopoly, June 28, 1783. } *I am afraid it will be ſome time before the Southern Army joins the grand Army at Cuddalore, owing to the Coleroon not being fordable.—The guns croſſed the Cavery yeſterday, and the Army this morning. It will take them five days (without the river falls very much) at leaſt to get to Samiaveram, and then eight more to Cuddalore.*

Tanjore, June 29, 1783. } *I have intelligence that all the enemy's horſe have recroſſed the river.*

Tranquebar, June 30, 1783. Evening. } *Received accounts that on the Cleopatra frigate appearing off Nagore yeſterday, all the donies there ſailed from thence to this port during laſt night.—The frigate, however, ſent a boat and ſunk two veſſels laying at anchor off Carical, with ſome rice and tobacco on board.—The ſame frigate has now anchored about four miles to the northward of this.*

intelligence of *M. Suffrein* having ordered every French ſhip at Trincomalee to come immediately to Cuddalore, with aſſurances that they will be in *no danger from our Fleet, who are gone to Madras*: and he writes me likewiſe of a Letter received from Tellicherry, dated the 6th inſtant, contradicting * the report of General Matthews's misfortune. I hear from Mr. Cochrane likewiſe, that the light guns belonging to Colonel Fullarton croſſed the river the 28th; and that, owing to the depth of the water, it would be the 30th before the whole had paſſed.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

* See Note †, p. 204.

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## Mr. SADLEIR's arrival in Camp, from Cuddalore, July 2, 1783.

ABOUT one in the afternoon of this day, I had a report from the poſt, where the flags of truce from Cuddalore were allowed to come to, that Mr. Sadleir, from Madras, was there; and ſhortly after he came to my tent, with a ſafeguard, and ſome French eſcort.

In converſation, Mr. Sadleir told me the buſineſs he had been employed about at Cuddalore, and at the ſame time gave me a curſory reading of ſome of his papers; and ſaid, That he and Mr. Staunton, in conſequence of powers from the Select Committee, had ſettled the buſineſs with *M. Buſſy*, for a ceſſation of hoſtilities: he then gave me the Letter from the Select Committee, of June 27th (N° 1) recalling me to the Preſidency. I aſked Mr. Sadleir to allow me a copy of his inſtructions and powers, and to put in writing what he had ſaid concerning his having ſettled with *M. Buſſy*, for the mutual ceſſation of hoſtilities; and, on his declining it, I deſired two gentlemen of my family to be preſent, and requeſted him to repeat what he had before ſaid; which he did.

Some converſation paſſed, ſtrongly expreſſive of what I felt! and upon his acquainting me that Major General Bruce was to command *the Company's Field Army* in my place, I told him (in ſubſtance), that Major General Bruce could *regularly* accept of no ſuch command from the Government of Madras without my permiſſion. We then ſeparated, upon my ſaying that I ſhould ſend my Anſwer to the Select Committee: he went afterwards, as I was informed, to Major General Bruce's tent.

Upon the *verbal* declaration, as above, of Mr. Sadleir, I immediately drew up the General After-Orders (N° 2) and ſent them to him; and, upon his declining to give any ſanction; becauſe, as he ſaid, he was to do buſineſs with General Bruce, and not with me; and foreſeeing, as I did, a poſſible public inconvenience from the leaſt delay, I therefore iſſued *theſe General After-Orders* (of July 2d) to the Army.

I had ſoon after a *ſeparate conference* with Major General Bruce, in preſence of my two Aids-de-camp, and put the ſame in writing (N° 3).

The Company's *Adjutant General* for the coaſt eſtabliſhment (Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm) came to me, in the afternoon, to ſay (in ſubſtance), " that

" that he was officially commanded to publiſh to the Army the Orders of " the Select Committee, June 27th (N° 3); and that he muſt obey at the " riſk of his commiſſion." I told him to do his duty.

Mr. Sadleir dined with me. I offered to him my Letter to the Select Committee of July 2d (N° 5); and, upon his declining to receive it, I gave the ſame in charge of Mr. Waſey, who accompanied him. In the evening I ſent an eſcort with him to Cuddalore; and, from the ſame motives that led me to iſſue the *General After-Orders*, I ſent a copy of them to *Monſ. Buſſy*, at the ſame time that I paid him *(Mr. B.)* the compliment to give leave to Monſ. de Damas to return upon his parole to Cuddalore, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart, and Lieutenant Beatſon.

Next morning early, I ſent the Letter of that date, July 3d (N° 6), to M. Buſſy; and I iſſued the General Orders to the Army of that day (N° 7), and had a meeting of all the King's and Company's *Field Officers* in my tent, to explain the reaſons of my conduct, and to recommend to them harmony and good-humour, and the obligation from duty, to obey the orders of Government, in whatever manner they might appear.

The following are copies of the papers above-mentioned, and in their order, to the beſt of my recollection.

J. S. 1784.

(N° 1.)

## From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

SIR, *Fort St. George, June* 27, 1783.

WE have the honour to inform you, that at a meeting of the Select Committee, held the 25th inſtant, we were unanimouſly agreed in the neceſſity of recalling you to the Preſidency; from whence, as you have a ſeat and voice in the Committee, in Military affairs, you ſhould be as little as poſſible abſent. Purſuant to this reſolution, we direct you, on receipt hereof, to deliver over the com-

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mand of the Carnatic Army in the field to Major General Bruce, and to proceed yourſelf to the Preſidency with all convenient expedition.

We have the honour to be, SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble ſervants,

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^r DAVIDSON.

Major General STUART.

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(N° 2.)

## *GENERAL AFTER-ORDERS.

*Camp, South of Cuddalore, July 2, 1783.*

MR. SADLEIR, ſecond in council in the government of Fort St. George, having communicated to the Commander in Chief certain powers conferred upon him conjunctly with Mr. Staunton, Private Secretary to the Right Honourable Lord Macartney, whereby they are enabled by Government, to conclude and ſettle a ceſſation of Arms with the Commander of the French King's troops in Cuddalore, and having repreſented to the Commander in Chief, that they have agreed upon the ſame; the Commander in Chief, in conſequence of this repreſentation, orders, that a ceſſation of arms ſhall take place on the part of this Army reſpecting the French, and that no act of hoſtilities or firing take place from the date of this order, unleſs in ſelf-defence; and in ſuch caſes, the officers neareſt to the poſt will enquire and ſettle it amicably in caſe of miſtake.

The relief for this night to be the ſame as uſual; and the poſts and diſpoſition of the troops likewiſe.

(Signed) JOHN RICHARDSON,
Dep. Adj. Gen.

* Referred to, p. 25, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. J. S. 1784.

(N° 3.)

## *GENERAL ORDERS BY GOVERNMENT.

*Fort St. George, June* 27, 1783.

THE Right Honourable the Preſident and Select Committee are pleaſed to direct, that Major General Stuart proceed to the Preſidency, and that Major General Bruce aſſume the command of the Carnatic Army in the Field.

Counterſigned by the Secretary of the Select Committee.

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(N° 4.)

The following is a COPY of the *ſeparate* Communication and Conference held in my Tent with Major General BRUCE, in preſence of my two Aids-de-camp, Lieutenant B. CLOSE and Lieutenant SMART.

J. S. 1784.

*Head Quarters, July* 2, 1783.

Major General Bruce read to the Commander in Chief the following Letter from the Select Committee to him:

" To Major General BRUCE.

SIR, *Fort St. George, June* 26, 1783.

" HAVING thought proper to recall General Stuart to the Preſidency, " we have directed him to deliver over to you the command of the " Carnatic Army in the Field.

* *This General Order from the Select Committee (of which I was a member), was neither addreſſed to me, nor to Major General Bruce, the next in Command,* but to the Adjutant General of the Company's troops in the Carnatic, *in a manner entirely* independent *of the Generals commanding, contrary to all military precedent or practice in any ſervice!*

*Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm indeed had the politeneſs previouſly to acquaint me of his having ſuch an Order, and of the neceſſity he was under to obey it; and, as already mentioned, I deſired him to do his duty.*

J. S. 1784.



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" We accordingly desire that you will assume that command to which *we* " *have appointed you*, in the fullest confidence that you will attend to the " instructions and requisitions you may from time to time receive from us; " and as from your late arrival in India, you cannot as yet possess that " experience, without which the greatest abilities may fail, and the best " exertions prove unsuccessful, we recommend, that on particular and im- " portant occasions you call to your assistance a council of war, consisting of " such of the principal officers as you judge most capable, and best acquainted " with military service in this country.

(Signed) " MACARTNEY.
" ANTH. SADLEIR.
" ALEX^R DAVIDSON."

Major General Bruce read likewise a Letter from the Select Committee to him, as follows:

" To Major General Bruce.

SIR, *Fort St. George, June* 27, 1783.

" IN a separate Letter to you, of this date, we desired you to *assume* the " command of the Carnatic Army in the Field. We are now to acquaint " you, that, in consequence of authentic information of a treaty of peace " having been concluded between Great Britain and France, signed at Ver- " sailles the 20th of January, and ratified the 9th of February last, we " have resolved to send immediately a flag of truce to M. de Bussy, com- " municating to him that event, with a copy of the treaty, and proposing " an immediate cessation of hostilities ashore; and we have appointed to " proceed to Cuddalore, with the flag of truce, and make the said proposal " to Mons. de Bussy, a deputation, consisting of Anthony Sadleir and " George Leonard Staunton, Esqrs. whom we have invested with a com- " mission and full instructions for the purpose.

" It is probable that no political motives will prevent Mons. Bussy from " listening to the dictates of humanity, in accelerating the moment of pacifi- " cation. *In all events, it is our determination, that the British arms shall not in* ☞ " *future be otherwise employed against the subjects of his Most Christian Majesty,* " *than in a defence, if necessary, from their attacks*, or in preventing any " attempt, by force, to march through countries in the dependence of the

" Company,

" Company, in order to aſſiſt their Indian enemies who have not acceded to " any treaty.

" We deſire, therefore, that, on receipt hereof, all operations againſt the " French may immediately ceaſe, and the body of the Army remain merely " as a corps of obſervation, until M. Buſſy's Anſwer ſhall be received by " the gentlemen of the deputation, who will communicate it to you, to- " gether with ſuch inſtructions for the diſpoſal of the Army as ſhall appear " to them neceſſary, and conſonant to our intentions with which they are " fully poſſeſſed; and we deſire you will attend to their inſtructions in the " ſame manner as if they came from us.

" In the mean while, we are aware that the ſudden return of Sir Edward " Hughes with his Majeſty's ſquadron to Madras, and the conſequent im- " poſſibility of conveying to you any proviſions by ſea, may leave you " without any option as to the movements of the Army, which, if impract- " icable to ſubſiſt near Cuddalore or Chillumbrum, muſt approach the " Magazine at Permacoil, or even Chingleput, attending to the prevention " of any ſucceſsful attempt by the remains of Tippoo Sahib's ſtraggling " troops in the Carnatic, or any march of French troops to join them.

" Tippoo Sahib ſtill continuing hoſtilities againſt us, it is our intention " that the Southern Army under Colonel Fullarton, *on whoſe vigorous and* " *immediate efforts the ſafety of the Company's affairs* * *on the Malabar coaſt in a* ☞ " *great meaſure depends*, ſhall continue thoſe efforts as far as the ſame can " be practicable and prudent; and, to render them entirely ſo, we deſire " that you will order a detachment, conſiſting of 500 Europeans, and two " complete battalions of Sepoys, with a proper proportion of field-pieces " and European artillery-men, to march and join the Southern Army, unleſs " ſome unforeſeen circumſtances ſhould render the execution of this mea- " ſure too dangerous *or impracticable to be attempted immediately*; in which " caſe you will appriſe Colonel Fullarton, as well as this Committee, of the " delay, and the cauſes of it, and not fail to execute it as ſoon afterwards as " poſſible.

" Colonel Fullarton, if he ſhould have croſſed to this ſide of the Coleroon, " is to return and proſecute his *former* operations. You will previouſly " adviſe Mr. Sulivan of the intended march of the detachment, and he will " take the neceſſary meaſures for conveying it acroſs the Coleroon.

(Signed) " MACARTNEY.
" ANTH. SADLEIR.
" ALEX^R. DAVIDSON."

* See the Remarks ☞ p. 240 to 243. J. S. 1784.

QUESTION *by the Commander in Chief to Major Gen. Bruce.*

Sir, you have communicated to me theſe two Letters, what do you propoſe to do in conſequence?

ANSWER *by Major General Bruce.*

To take the command of the Army in the Carnatic in the Field as ſoon as *you* think proper to deliver it over, agreeably to the firſt paragraph of the Letter from the Select Committee to me, dated Fort St. George, June 26, 1783, beginning with the words, "having thought proper," and ending with the words, "Army in the Field."

*Major General Stuart obſerves,*

Whatever doubt * I may entertain of the power of government derived from the *Eaſt-India Company, whoſe Commander in Chief I am by their authority over their troops*, and the implied unjuſt affront † offered me this day by orders of the Committee, now communicated by Mr. Sadleir to Major General Bruce, to which I ſubmit, if legal, *applicable to the command of their troops*; yet this I maintain, that no officer *in his Majeſty's ſervice*, be he of what rank he may, ſhall accept of an order or command from the Government of the Eaſt-India Company, *but through me:* in this way I ſpeak to Major General Bruce, and in this way will I ſpeak to Colonel Fullarton, and to *every officer in his Majeſty's ſervice, under my command*; and, at their peril, let them accept of it.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

* *My meaning was, and is, that being the Commander in Chief of the troops in the Carnatic, by the authority of the Eaſt India Company, the ſame as entitled the Preſident and the other members of Council to hold their ſituations in Government, I* doubted *whether I could* legally *be deprived of* the chief command in the Field, *and thus publickly ſet aſide, without a proof of miſconduct, or being heard in my defence.—The rule which, by the Company's orders, holds good in all civil appointments, even when* once *conferred by any of their Preſidencies.*

J. S. 1784.

† See N° 3 and Note, p. 299. J. S. 1784.

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*N. B.* I have had no heſitation to ſtate preciſely, in this place, the preceding conference with Major General Bruce, although, from the ſubject and the manner of it, it was evidently *of a ſeparate or private nature*, not meant to be what is commonly called a *public* or *official* paper.—I gave it in writing to Major General Bruce, to be referred to *thereafter* if needed, as being my own uniform opinion, guided by that of the late Commander in Chief ‡ in the line of command of his Majeſty's troops in India, which, as I conceived, *could only be altered by the particular orders of his Majeſty, officially ſignified through the War Office.*

J. S. 1784.

‡ See Correſpondence with Sir Eyre Coote.—His Letter to me, p. 36, 37. J. S. 1784.

(N° 5.)

## From Major General STUART to the Select Committee.

*Camp before Cuddalore, July 2, 1783.*

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letter of the 27th June, *through Mr. Sadleir*, acquainting me, that I am recalled to the Presidency, with your reasons.

As Commander in Chief of the Company's forces, I shall respect it as it deserves, freely stating to you what I shall take leave to say to our Honourable Employers, *that it is an unparalleled injustice and intended affront to me.*

But applicable, my Lord, &c. *to my command of his Majesty's troops, I will never give up my authority; and I will not allow, that you have it in your power to deprive me of it.*——It is equally out of your power to deprive me of my good name, my reputation, or my character as a private man, or as a soldier; and I bid you defiance, whatever may be your intentions.

The service may suffer by your present orders; but my duty to my Sovereign, my Country, and to my immediate Employers, the Hon. East India Company, will lead me, either by *advice* * *or command*, to remedy the evil consequences of your present orders through Mr. Sadleir.

Mr. Sadleir having declined to receive my orders for a cessation of hostilities, certified officially to the Army and out-posts, *after he had verbally informed me that the business was settled by him with Messrs. Bussy and Suffrein*, I have, in order to avoid disagreeable consequences, been under the necessity to send the *Duplicate* of my General Orders by Lieut. Colonel Cathcart to *Monsr. Bussy*, which, I trust, will answer your great object of humanity.

(Signed) JAMS STUART.

* The meaning of these words, "*advice or command*," will best explain itself by my conduct (see from page 307) after delivering over the command to Major General Bruce, and until the 14th of July, when I first had an opportunity to return to the Presidency in the Medea frigate. J. S. 1784.

(N° 6.)

## * From Major General STUART, &c. to M. BUSSY, Commander in Chief of the French Forces.

*Camp before Cuddalore, July 3, 1783.*

IN conſequence of the verbal aſſurance of Mr. Sadleir, a Member of the Government of Madras, deputed by that Government for the purpoſe which he explained, that you and Mr. Suffrein had agreed to a ceſſation of hoſtilities betwixt the forces by land and ſea of our ſovereigns, after communicating to you the articles of pacification in Europe, I ſent laſt night, by Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart, a copy of the General Orders to this Army for the hoſtilities to ceaſe; and I have this day, as a further amicable progreſſive ſtep in this buſineſs, directed that all the officers and others of the French troops who are priſoners with us be returned to you, on the ſuppoſition that it will be more agreeable to you and to them, than to remain in this encampment until a final adjuſtment: meanwhile I beg it may be underſtood, that the officers are to be ſent on their parole, and that the others are not to ſerve until ſuch final adjuſtment of other matters take place on both ſides. The ſame rule will be obſerved in regard to ſuch officers or others of ours now priſoners with you, and whom you may think proper to return to us. Monſ. le Chevalier de Damas, who fully anſwers the favourable character you gave me of him, is the bearer of this Letter.

(Signed) JAM^s STUART.

*P. S.* My aid-de-camp, Mr. Beatſon, will deliver to the proper officer under your command, a ſtate of the priſoners, to be referred to in future. J. S.

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## † From Mr. SADLEIR to Major General BRUCE.

SIR, *Qu.? July 3, 1783.*

HAVING delivered to you the Letters from the Select Committee of Fort St. George, dated the 26th and 27th of June, and having ſhewn to you the commiſſion and powers delegated by them to myſelf and to

* This Letter is referred to, p. 25, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. J. S. 1784.

† I am not certain as to the preciſe time when this Letter was delivered to Major General Bruce; neither if it was dated the 3d or 2d. J. S. 1784.

George Leonard Staunton, Eſq; and *the Adjutant-General having publiſhed in orders by their authority, inveſting you with the command of the Carnatic Army,* I have the honour to requeſt an Anſwer from you, whether or not you will accept of the command, and to requeſt *that you apply to General Stuart, if neceſſary, for his authority for that purpoſe,* that we may, without delay, communicate ſuch other directions as we are charged with by virtue of our commiſſion.

(Signed) ANT. SADLEIR.

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(N° 7.)

## By Major General Stuart, Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Forces in India, and Commander in Chief of the Honourable Company's Troops under the Preſidency of Fort St. George.

*Camp before Cuddalore, July* 3, 1783.

IN obedience to the orders of Government, and conſiſtent with the duty of his ſtation, the Commander in Chief has directed and empowered the Hon. Major General Bruce *(as his immediate Military Superior)* to accept, for the preſent, of the command of the Hon. Company's troops ſerving with the Carnatic Army.

*The command of his Majeſty's troops, with this Army, remains with General Stuart,* and all orders to them muſt have either a *general* or *particular* ſanction from *him,* ſo long as he remains in the field, or until otherwiſe ordered by him, on his returning to the Preſidency, when a proper occaſion offers.

All orders from the Commander in Chief to his Majeſty's troops with this Army will in future be *counterſigned,* either by Brigade Majors Baggs, or Armſtrong.

The detail for duty to be furniſhed by the King's troops, to be the ſame as ordered by Major General Bruce.

(Signed) By order of the Commander in Chief,
G. BAGGS, M. B.

*I ſent Lieut. Beatſon (acting Aid-de-camp), (to the beſt of my recollection), to ſhow the preceding paper to Mr. Sadleir, then at Cuddalore.*
J. S. 1784.

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## GENERAL ORDERS.

*Cuddalore, July 3, 1783.*

PEACE having been concluded betwixt the Courts of London and Verſailles on the 20th of January, and ratified on the 9th of February laſt, the Preſident and Select Committee have, in conſequence, ordered that all offenſive operations againſt the French Army ſhould immediately ceaſe; and the Commiſſioners appointed by them to announce the ſame to the Marquis de Buſſy, having declared to him that ſuch orders were given by the Select Committee *unconditionally* and independently of any determination which ought to be taken by the Marquis de Buſſy as to the operations of the French troops; which ceſſation of hoſtilities being in obedience to the ſaid treaty of peace, which poſitively directs ſuch ceſſation, the Marquis de Buſſy has declared to the ſaid Commiſſioners, that, in obedience to the ſaid treaty, and not otherwiſe, he ſhould likewiſe ceaſe from hoſtilities againſt the Engliſh Army and poſſeſſions. A like ceſſation of hoſtilities againſt them is to take place on the part of the Engliſh Army.

(Signed) ANTH. SADLEIR.
G. L. STAUNTON.

*A copy of the preceding, after being iſſued, was ſent to me by the Deputy Adjutant General, but not until the 5th of July.* J. S. 1784.

## Information from Major General STUART to Major General BRUCE.

*Head Quarters, in Camp, before Cuddalore, July 3, 1783.*

CAPTAIN HEARSEY is charged with the Company's rice, and delivers it on indents ſigned by the Adjutant General, and Quarter Maſter General. The former counterſigns for the fighting men, and the latter for the public followers in pay of the Company.——On the 4th of July there will remain 361,327 Seers *, deducting only about 15,000 Seers for the public followers, and giving them for the three firſt days in July; ſix days for the fighting men were ſerved this day to the inclusive; the battalions at Porto-novo,

* The frequent minute *detail* to be met with in this collection, concerning the proviſions and means of carriage with the Army, may appear ſtrange to thoſe who have not ſerved in the Eaſt Indies; but ſuch was the ruined and deſerted ſtate of the country, added to the nature of that ſervice, and the peculiar circumſtances of the times while I commanded in the Carnatic, that the ſucceſs of every military plan turned chiefly upon the proper previous arrangements concerning rice, and which therefore occupied much of my time, not chuſing to devolve that care ſolely to any other perſon. J. S. 1784.

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From Mr. B. Cochrane to Mr. J. Sulivan, Tranquebar, July 2, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, July .)

*Yours of yeſterday is come to hand ſafely.*

*After the diſpatch of the Tapal laſt night, I read a Letter from Tanjore, mentioning the particulars of the reinforcements expected from Madras; alſo that the 9th battalion was to proceed, and, as you ſaid that the Southern Army were not to march to Cuddalore, you will, I hope, excuſe my troubling you ſo often concerning what I learn from General Stuart, of his expectations about the march of the Southern Army.—I do it, that you may have early information of the ſituation of the grand Army, knowing that Letters often miſcarry; and what appears odd is, that General Stuart, in all of his Letters, ſhould mention his expectation of the Southern Army joining; and Letters of the ſame date from Trichinopoly inform me, that the Select Committee ſend contrary orders, which, I imagine, is unknown to General Stuart; and, were ſuch eſſential points concealed from you or General Stuart, the conſequences might be fatal to the preſent great object in view.*

*As, for inſtance, yeſterday I learned from you, that the Select Committee deem the ſervices of the Southern Army neceſſary to the ſouthward of the Coleroon.—Now I have juſt now received a Letter from General Stuart, dated the 30th June, at 8 P. M. He ſays, "I look for Fullarton to be within a day's march of me (the 5th July), and I have concerted a movement in conſequence."*

and Brickmire's people, are not ſerved *in the line*;—the medium quantity of rice for the fighting men is about 11,500 Seers *per* day, and for the public followers indented for by the Quarter Maſter General, about 5000. Suppoſing it therefore about 17,000 Seers, the rice at preſent under Captain Hearſey will not laſt beyond * the 22d or 23d; and therefore General Bruce, after ſending a copy to Mr. John Sulivan, Reſident at Tanjore, and to Mr. Baſil Cochrane at Tranquebar, or Negapatam, ſhould moſt earneſtly deſire thoſe two Gentlemen to forward every ſpecies of grain by land and water carriage, according to the Letters already ſent them by General Stuart.——Mr. Sulivan to ſend the paddy in boats to Chillumbrum by the river; and Mr. Cochrane to ſend (according to the commiſſion given him by the Committee) in country veſſels and boats coaſt-ways, provided M. Suffrein has given aſſurances that they ſhall neither be captured nor

* I have been ſince informed, that the unforeſeen demands for rice had lowered the magazine more than I calculated. J. S. 1784.

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*As he before mentions to me that his operations were ſlow on account of the want of the Southern troops, how unfortunate it appears to be now, that he has not been ſupported from one quarter or another, which would have induced the Admiral to have remained to the Southward, as by ſuch a reinforcement he could have been able to water at Porto-novo, and get plenty of freſh proviſions for his ſick, which he ſeemed to be very anxious about; for, by this time Cuddalore would undoubtedly have been in our poſſeſſion, and the French fleet deſtroyed; what honour would not General Stuart and the Admiral have gained which they will be now deprived of, from the arrival of the news of the Treaty of Peace being ſigned in Europe the 9th of February laſt, as appears by General Stuart's Letter now before me of the above date, 30th June.—He ſays, "I have received your Letter of the 28th, with your paper of news;—the "affair of the 25th was nearly as deciſive in its way as that of the 13th, and coſt us only "Major Cotgrave, and another officer, with 15 or 16 killed or wounded. I have expected a "Marine ſally theſe two nights paſt, but they ſeem rather ſhy. This day a frigate, which we "take to be either the Active or Medea, is (as a flag of truce ſeemingly) with Suffrein, and "at anchor: ſhe has an Engliſh blue pendant above the white flag; we gueſs ſhe is from the "Admiral to announce the peace having been ſigned in Europe the 9th of February, of which "there are accounts over land; but we are not certain, and no intimation is come to me from "M. Buſſy.—Some guns have even ſince been fired from Cuddalore; however that may be, "we are on our guard, and I deſire you will not relax a bit of your preparing to provide every "thing for us."*

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detained: this point to be immediately ſettled by the *deputation*, becauſe there are ſeveral veſſels now loaded at Tranquebar, and elſewhere, ready to ſail the moment that point is ſettled.

If this point is doubtful, Mr. Cochrane muſt be wrote to, to ſend, by every poſſible method *(ſea-carriage excepted)*, rice and gram to Chillumbrum and Porto-novo *(probably)* by Sheally. General Stuart wrote to the Preſidency, that there was not above 14 days rice (and to end about the 16th); and added his moſt preſſing ſolicitations to ſend us the proviſion-ſhips from Madras, there being no dependance in any other way to ſupply this Army; and to this point General Bruce muſt particularly attend; for, if he truſt to any other quarter, the Army may be ſtarved: therefore, if the ceſſation of hoſtilities is *good for any thing*, it muſt go to the ſafety of all the proviſion-ſhips from Madras, which ought,

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From Colonel Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated, Camp at Monſarpett, July 1, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, July .)

*I requeſt you to inform the General that I have written to him of the 24th and 29th, explaining to him the efforts I was making, and the obſtacles I met with in croſſing the Cavery, the Coleroon, and the deep Nulla in Seringham, and ſouth of Monſarpett.—In conſequence of the difficulties I had to encounter, which rendered it impoſſible for me to get the guns and troops acroſs the Cavery and Nulla in Seringham till the 27th at night, or rather 28th in the morning, I called a council of five officers, Colonel Forbes and Major Bruce included; and, after examining the reports of the Departments, and the ſtate of the Coleroon, with the ſhameful deficiency of boats, it was the opinion of theſe officers delivered to me in writing, that if the rivers remained at the then depth of water, the Army could not poſſibly encamp on the high grounds at Monſarpett ſooner than the 7th inſtant; fortunately the rivers fell, and allowed us to paſs on the 30th, one part having croſſed on the 29th.*

*But ſuch is the want of means to beat rice, and when beat, to carry it acroſs the river and Nullas, that we are detained here this day to complete our ſtock to twelve days, which is the leaſt poſſible quantity with which we can continue to march, and the Sepoys carry it on their backs; for I find we have little chance of any on our route, and I underſtand there is not an overplus of grain with the grand Army.*

*You will perhaps think, that from the time we have been at Trichinopoly, we might have had a quantity of rice ready beat and lodged on the bank of the Coleroon; but this, I aſſure you, was impracticable, notwithſtanding all the efforts that I made, in which I had every ſupport from the*

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ought, without delay, to be ordered to the ſouthward; and this night G. B. ſhould write preſſingly on the ſubject.

General Bruce will keep in mind, that the battering-train, mortars, and other military ſtores, *over and above* the marching complements with this Army, *is unmoveable by any preſent means of carriage*; and therefore, until there are other veſſels to reſhip them, or that the public followers of the Army can be fed and ſupported, the ſingle conſideration of the artillery ſtores muſt keep the Army *fixed* to the preſent ground; and were the ceſſation of hoſtilities in the moſt clear way expreſſed, G. S. would *adviſe* the keeping the preſent poſts, only diminiſhing the guards: all ſupplies from Madras to be wrote for by Mr. Sadleir.

When General Stuart gave certain orders to Colonel Fullarton to croſs at Trichinopoly, and join this Army, it was clearly with the view to ☞ cruſh the French without a poſſibility of doubt, and to enable us to inveſt the place, and to ſecure ſupplies from the country, *this was the*

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*zeal and activity of Digby and Captain Bruce.—But you know how little can be done without actual violence, or procuring grain from garriſons on ſuch occaſions*, and how our operations muſt appear when there is a total want of money.—A magnitude of arrears,—a deſertion among the troops,—and the failure of conveyance.——Such is our ſituation! *I do not* ☞ *mention theſe things as difficulties raiſed by me, for they are already overcome, but as an explanation for an apparent tardineſs, when my utmoſt efforts were proved to have been made.*

I mean that you ſhould conſider this Letter is for the General's information.—*I will tranſmit to him, through you, a Journal or Notes of every day's tranſactions ſince I reached Trichinopoly Plain, if it can be of any ſatisfaction to the General.*

*I have underſtood that my delays have been ſuppoſed to ariſe from motives or opinions which never influenced my mind, and therefore I give you this explanation, that General Stuart and you may be convinced of the contrary.*

P. S. *I am much obliged to Clarke for his intelligence; it is extremely neceſſary for me at preſent;—do not deſtroy this Letter;—we ſhall now march towards the coaſt with all ſpeed.*

*object,*

*object, even when our Fleet was ſuppoſed to be maſter of the ſea;* but, from the moment that M. Suffrein got into Sir Edward Hughes's *birth*, the neceſſity of an immediate reinforcement to this Army, to make head againſt *the united force of France by ſea and land*, became infinitely greater, which led G. S. to write a number of Letters for this fortnight paſt, to forward Colonel Fullarton's march; but if the French are ſerious in their ceſſation of arms, and in good faith do keep the peace, that neceſſity is not ſo great.

Colonel Fullarton, as General Stuart believes, had not croſſed the river the 30th *ultimo*; and, being ignorant of the Committee's plan of operations for that gentleman, or even for this Army, ſince the laſt Letter, 27th, he cannot give any opinion on the ſubject. G. S. ſuppoſes the Committee will explain themſelves to General Bruce.

As to money-matters, *the caſh cheſt is empty*; *there is eight months pay and batta due to the officers, and ſix months to the Sepoys*, to the beſt of G. S.'s recollection. There is likewiſe a remittance of *eight thouſand Pagodas* promiſed by G. S. to be made to Mr. Cochrane at Tranquebar, with the knowledge of Mr. Sulivan, to enable Mr. Cochrane to make *part* of neceſſary advances for the ſupplies ſent, and to be ſent by him to the Army. G. S. *has not been able to perform that promiſe*, and therefore muſt requeſt G. B. to have it ſent by the Paymaſter, when the firſt ſupplies of caſh arrive.

There ſeems to be no mode of getting money for the preſent preſſing needs of this Army, but by ſea, from Madras, by his Majeſty's frigates; and, if rice and money are much longer delayed, it is to be feared the conſequences may be very ſerious.

The arrack with Mr. Kenworthy, now with the Army, is equal to *thirty-five days*, and the freſh proviſions about fourteen days; and, when more is wanted, there are ready at Porto-novo and Chillumbrum, in number near 4000 head. In that caſe G. B. ought to fix the number,

number, and give orders to Captain Scott at Porto-novo, to deliver them to Mr. Kenworthy, *on his receipt*; and G. B. from time to time ſhould have returns from Mr. Kenworthy of the cattle and arrack at Permacoil, in charge of Lieutenant Dawes, which G. S. meant to have brought forward with the light dragoons; but as they are not likely now to come, ſome other method muſt be thought of when they are wanted.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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(N° 1.)

## [ From Major General STUART. ]

## * Major General BRUCE, commanding the Carnatic Army in the Field.

SIR, *In Camp before Cuddalore, July* 4, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to ſend you incloſed the Copy of what I wrote to Monſ. de Buſſy † upon the firſt *verbal* information to me, on the 2d inſtant, by Mr. Sadleir, of a ceſſation of hoſtilities being agreed upon betwixt the deputation from the Committee and the French Chief at Cuddalore: the other paper ‡ incloſed is Monſ. de Buſſy's Anſwer, received the next day, which, as you ſee, binds him to nothing. I have only had a *verbal* meſſage from him, that ſimilar orders would be given to the French troops, to thoſe which I had communicated.

In this ſituation, and if you have no further knowledge of what has happened betwixt our deputies and the French, it will doubtleſs occur to you to deſire ſome further explanation from Monſ. Buſſy, on the preſent ſituation *of this Army now under your command.*

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

* This Letter is referred to p. 26, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. J. S. 1784.

† See p. 304, N° 6. J. S. 1784.

‡ This, as I believe, was a note from M. Buſſy, July 4th, addreſſed to M. G. Bruce, concerning the irregular conduct of the *Lootys*. J. S. 1784.

(N° II.)

SIR, *In Camp before Cuddalore, July* 4, 1783.

*I HAVE the honour of ſending to you, incloſed, the Letter and Poſtſcript juſt now received from Colonel Fullarton, dated 29th June.

The exigency of the caſe, which made me ſo urgent for Colonel Fullarton's junction with this Army, in order, *with abſolute certainty to extinguiſh the power of France in India*, is now at an end by the ceſſation of arms, which it is *ſuppoſed* the deputation from the Committee have negociated with the French Chief at Cuddalore.—I ſay *ſuppoſed*, becauſe there is only a *verbal* aſſurance to me from Mr. Sadleir, that the points in diſpute were ſettled; and, after I had delivered over the command of the Army to you, I have heard from yourſelf that you are poſſeſſed of *no written document* to the purpoſe.

However the certainty of the peace in Europe, the preſent agreement betwixt us and Monſ. Buſſy, for a temporary defenſive ceſſation, and the time limited by the articles of the peace, concluded 9th of February laſt, which Mr. Sadleir furniſhed me with a *curſory* reading of; all theſe conſiderations taken together, make me offer to you, as my *private* opinion, that the junction of Colonel Fullarton's force with this Army is not *now* immediately neceſſary.

Having, *in obedience to the orders of the Eaſt-India Company's government, of which I am a member*, delivered over to you the command of *their* Army, as fully as my duty to his Majeſty, and what I owe to myſelf will admit of, *your duty* certainly is to act to the beſt of your judgment for the good of the ſervice, and according to your inſtructions,

* This Letter is referred to, p. 26, State of Facts and Proofs, Part II. J. S. 1784.

repreſenting at all times to Government the reaſons for your deviating from the *Letter* of their inſtructions.

As Commander in Chief of the king's troops, I have already given orders for the ready obedience of your orders to *them*, and intending, as I do, by the firſt ſafe conveyance to return to the Preſidency, you ſhall experience from me all the ſupport in my power, both as commanding his Majeſty's and the Company's troops, and as a Member of Government; and, while I am yet with the Army, I am at your call at any time for any thing in my power.

The Hon. Major General Bruce, commanding the Carnatic Army in the Field.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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From M. de BUSSY to Major General BRUCE.

MONSIEUR, *Goudalour, le 5th Juillet* 1783.

J'AI reçu la Lettre que votre excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'écrire aujourd'hui; par laquelle vous me demandez de vous manifeſter, par écrit, mes diſpoſitions. La ceſſation des hoſtilités entre les François et les Anglois, en conſequence de la ſignification de la paix conclue entre les Souverains des deux nations, qui ma été fait par Meſſrs. les Deputés de Committé de Madras.

J'ai l'honneur de vous répondre, que la ceſſation d'hoſtilités a lieu par mer et par terre, et vous devez en être convaincù par la demarche de Mr. Le Commandeur de Suffrein, qui a rappellé les deux frigattes qui étoient en ſtation devant votre camp, ainſi que tous les Croiſeurs qu'il pouvoit avoir de differents cotés.

A l'égard des troupes de Tippoo Sahib qui ſont dans le Carnatte, elles ont également ordre de ceſſer leurs courſes; mais comme il y a parmi ces troupes un nombre conſiderable de ce qu'on appelle communement ici *Lautchelles*, qui pille l'ami et l'ennemi, et qui ne ſont pas plus aux ordres de lui qui les commande directement, qu'aux miens; je ne puis repondre de l'execution entiere de ceux que je leur donne. Vous voudrez donc bien, Monſieur, m'avertir dans le cas où ils commettent quelque infraction.

*J'ai*

*J'ai envoyé à la cote de Malabar toutes les lettres particulieres de Meſſrs. les*
☞ *Deputés de Madras, et de celles que nous * y avons écrites conjointment, pour faire ceſſer également les hoſtilités dans cette partie.*

Comme il y avoit quelques éclairciſſemens à avoir ſur l'article 16me du Traité préliminaire, que m'a été communiqué concernant les allies reſpectifs, et que Meſſrs. les Deputés n'ont pu me le donner: J'ai fait de mon coté, une députation au Committé de Madras à ce ſujet, et j'attens ſa reponſe; mais cette demarche n'ayant rapport qu'à nos alliés, ne peut influer en ce qu'a été dit ci-deſſus.

(Signé) BUSSY.

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Conjunct Letter from Meſſrs. SADLEIR and STAUNTON, the Deputies from the Select Committee, as ſettled with M. Buſſy at Cuddalore, mentioned in the preceding Letter.

## To the Nabob TIPPOO SAHIB BAHAUDER, &c. &c. &c.

*Cuddalore, July* 2, 1784.

THE Kings of England and France, in agreeing on the 20th January laſt upon a peace between their reſpective ſtates, dependencies, and ſubjects, have attended at the ſame time to the intereſt and ſecu-
☞ rity of ſuch allies, as they might † *reſpectively* have in India; they accordingly ſtipulated, that theſe allies ſhould be invited to accede to the pacification, and a time allowed them for accepting ſuch invitation, as is particularly expreſſed in the 16th Article of the ſaid Treaty.

Monſ. le Marquis de Buſſy, repreſentative of the French nation in India, having declared *you to be an ally of France*, we Commiſſioners

* See p. 315 to 319. J. S. 1784.

† It is worth notice that theſe negociators do not any where make mention of *our* Indian allies! J. S. 1784.

appointed by the Government of Madras to announce the ſaid peace to the Marquis de Buſſy, and authoriſed to take meaſures for carrying the Articles of the ſame into execution, do hereby, for fulfilling the ſpirit and letter of ſuch peace, cordially invite you to accede to the pacification made in Europe; and we declare to you, that we ſhall ceaſe all hoſtilities againſt you and your poſſeſſions, as ſoon as you will ceaſe on your part all hoſtilities againſt us, with proper aſſurances againſt any ſurprize.

☞ *We accordingly write by the meſſenger of Monſ. le Marquis de Buſſy to the Chiefs of our nation, and the commanders of our forces, now on the Coaſt of Malabar, and in other places in the neighbourhood of your poſſeſſions, for the purpoſe of deſiring all hoſtilities to be ceaſed by them, as ſoon as you ſhall ceaſe all hoſtilities againſt us, in the manner above-mentioned.*

We hope that ſuch ceſſation of arms will lead to an entire and permanent pacification with the reſpective allies of England and France, as has been ſettled in Europe between thoſe nations; and we expect, as the firſt proof of your deſire of peace, that you will immediately order the perſons of our nation who are now in your cuſtody, to be releaſed on their parole, until ſuch entire pacification ſhall be finally ſettled.

(Signed) ANTH. SADLEIR.
G. L. STAUNTON.

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Circular

## Circular Letter from Meſſrs. SADLEIR and STAUNTON, as ſettled with M. BUSSY at Cuddalore.

(CIRCULAR.)

To the PRESIDENT and SELECT COMMITTEE of Bombay.
To the CHIEF and FACTORS of Tellicherry.
To Major CAMPBELL, or Officer commanding at Mangalore.
To Major General JONES (commanding in the Gummum Diſtrict).
To Colonel FULLARTON (commanding South of the Coleroon).
To Mr. J. SULIVAN, Reſident at Tanjore.

GENTLEMEN,

SIR, *Cuddalore, July* 2, 1783,

WE have the honour to inform you, that, in conſequence of peace being concluded and ratified between the courts of London and Verſailles, we have been authoriſed to announce the ſame to Monſieur le

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(From Mr. J. SULIVAN.)

Major General BRUCE commanding the Army.

SIR, Tanjore, July 6, 1783.

*I have juſt received Letters from Tellicherry and Anjango, which contain intelligence of ſuch ſerious import, that I think it neceſſary to tranſmit the originals to you, and to requeſt you will do me the honour to forward them to the Right Hon. the Preſident and Select Committee.*

*Preſuming, from the Letters which have officially paſſed through me from Government, that General Stuart muſt have received proviſional orders for the reinforcement of the Southern Army on the fall of Cuddalore, I beg leave to ſubmit to you, whether the exigency of the preſent moment would not render it adviſable to detach ſuch a force as may enable Colonel Fullarton to proceed immediately into the heart of the enemy's country.*

*If this meaſure ſhould meet your approbation, and circumſtances will admit of it being carried into execution, the communication by Chillumbrum offers paſſage to any part of the forces you*

le Marquis de Buſſy, repreſentative of the French nation in India; and a ceſſation of arms has, in conſequence, taken place. We have likewiſe, by virtue of the authority veſted in us, and of the inſtructions given to us, *joined Monſ. le Marquis de Buſſy* in an invitation to Tippoo Sahib, to accede to the ſaid pacification, as is ſtipulated by the 16th article of the ſaid treaty, in favour of the reſpective allies of both nations, *the Marquis de Buſſy having declared Tippoo Sahib to be an ally of France*; and we, for fulfilling the ſpirit and letter of the ſaid treaty, ☞ *have engaged the national faith* for a ceſſation of arms againſt Tippoo Sahib, his poſſeſſions, troops, and auxiliaries, as ſoon as he ſhall ceaſe hoſtilities

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*may think proper to ſend through this country, and they will find on the ſouthern banks of the Coleroon proviſion ſufficient to bring them forward to Tanjore.*

*I am led to mention this circumſtance from the information conveyed in a Letter to Mr. Cochrane (my aſſiſtant on the coaſt) dated the 3d inſtant, repreſenting, that on that day the proviſion and rice with the Army was reduced to a ſtock of ten days for the fighting men only; with ſuch a proſpect of diſtreſs, without any hope of being able to ſend you an effectual ſupply by land carriage or down the river, I have thought it my duty to ſuggeſt to you this expedient for ſpeedy relief.*

*Another, and I am perſuaded a more extenſive one, will be found by Colonel Fullarton, if he ſhould think it adviſable to proceed to near the Paſs of Ahtoor; which place and paſs are now in the poſſeſſion of the enemy, and in which I have reaſon to think he will find ſufficient ſupplies to ſupport his own Army, and the reinforcement he may there receive from you.*

*The diſtance from Cuddalore to Ahtoor by a beaten road, is about 70 Engliſh miles, and the diſtance Colonel Fullarton will have to march from Trimalvady to Ahtoor, is nearly the ſame extent.*

*From Ahtoor the enemies magazines lay open to us in every direction, and without much loſs of time, Colonel Fullarton may ſecure very ample ſupplies for your Army, and the only route by which it can enter Myſore to effect. I mean by Coverypatam, Kiſtnagery, and Ouſcotta, and Eroode, and both Armies might enter Myſore about the ſame time.*

P. S. *I ſend copy of this to Colonel Fullarton.*

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hoſtilities againſt our poſſeſſions, troops, and auxiliaries, with the proper precautions againſt ſurpriſe.

We deſire, therefore, that you will pleaſe to act in conformity to thoſe engagements made by us, in obedience to the treaty, by virtue of the authority veſted in us, *and upon the public faith of the nation*; and that you will ſignify your intentions accordingly to Tippoo Sahib, or ſuch of his officers to whom you may have an opportunity of communicating the ſame.

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We have the honour to encloſe to you a copy of the 16th article of the treaty of peace, and of our commiſſion and inſtructions, as far as relates to the allies of the two nations.

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[Encloſure in the preceding from Mr. SULIVAN.]

From Mr. SIBBALD to Lord MACARTNEY.

MY LORD, Tellicherry, May 22, 1783.

*I hope the ſame reaſon given by me to Mr. Haſtings for the incloſed Addreſs to him left open for your Lordſhip's peruſal, will alſo plead my excuſe with you for the liberty of this.*

*The ſubject of my Letter to Mr. Haſtings will, I truſt, be conſidered of real importance by your Lordſhip, and in that caſe, I ſhall entertain great hopes of the plan deſcribed being carried into execution by your Government.—Our troops might aſſemble at this place in September, and be ready to move the beginning of October; they have not a foot of hoſtile country to paſs over, until they come to Periapatam, which is only* 35 *miles from Seringapatam.*

*It may be argued, that all the force we may be able to collect on this coaſt at the opening of the ſeaſon, ſhould be thrown into* Mangalore *for the relief of that place, and for enabling them to take the field; and indeed, unleſs the Preſidency of Bombay, with the aſſiſtance of your Government, can complete their ſtrength at Mangalore to* eight thouſand men, *allowing a force alſo for the other important object; this reaſoning will be juſt and good; but if our whole force could be made up* twelve thouſand men, *one third of that number would no where be ſo advantageouſly employed*, or ſo effectually contribute to the ſucceſs of our arms in the* Bidenore *country, as by the reduction of* Seringapatam, *and by which meaſure the two Armies would be of mutual ſupport to each other, and muſt moſt effectually diſtreſs the affairs of the enemy.*

*If Bidenore has unfortunately fallen, as reported, for want of ammunition, our force upon this coaſt at the opening of the ſeaſon, will not exceed four thouſand men, and I will ſuppoſe that Bombay may be able, with the Bengal detachment, to furniſh two thouſand more, from which your Lordſhip may be able to judge of the poſſibility of carrying* both *plans into execution.*

* Obſerve Lieut. Col. Campbell's anſwer to this part of this Gentleman's military plan!

☞ p. 241.

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You will pleaſe likewiſe to communicate our engagements to all officers, civil and military, of our nation, whom it may concern, and to whom you may have an opportunity of making known the ſame, in order that there may be a full and general compliance with the treaty of peace, *and with our conſequent engagements.*

*We have delivered to the Marquis de Buſſy a copy of this Letter, and of our invitation to Tippoo Sahib.*

(Signed) ANTH. SADLEIR.
G. L. STAUNTON.

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*If only* one *can be effected, there is no doubt the relief of Mangalore, and enabling of the Army to take the field, muſt be the firſt object, and that ſhould be done without a moment's loſs of time.*

Major Campbell writes me, that he relies upon receiving reinforcements and ſupplies of ☞ proviſions and ſtores by the beginning of Auguſt.

*Any advices your Lordſhip may be pleaſed to favour me with, Mr. Hutchinſon at Anjango will receive charge of.*

(Signed) J. SIBBALD.

## From Mr. Sibbald to Lord Macartney.

My Lord, Tellicherry, May 27, 1783.

*The boat which I diſpatched to Anjango with the above addreſs putting back thrugh ſtreſs of weather, I now ſend this by two Bramanies, who have engaged to return here in* 50 *days.*

*We cannot yet obtain any certain accounts from* Bidenore, *which gives me ſome ſmall hopes that it ſtill holds out, becauſe I think that the moment the misfortune happens, the enemy will give undoubted proof of it to the garriſon at* Mangalore, *and in ſhort throughout the country. — It is a moſt cruel and mortifying reflection to think that ſuch great and valuable poſſeſſions, the holding of which would inevitably have brought the enemy to our own terms, ſhould be loſt for want of an additional force of* 3 *or* 4000 *men; for it is, beyond all doubt, ſuch is the happy ſituation of the Bidenore country, that a body of eight or ten thouſand of our troops would maintain it againſt the whole ſtrength of the enemy, and it is therefore exceedingly to be lamented, that Hyder's poſſeſſions on this coaſt were not vigorouſly attacked immediately on his entering the Carnatick, although the troops for that purpoſe had been ſent from Bengal and Madras, as it would*

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## * From Mr. B. COCHRANE to the Select Committee.

### EXTRACT.

*Tranquebar, July* 6, 1783.

ENCLOSED I have the honour to ſend you tranſlate of intelligence juſt now received from Cuddalore (by N° 3.) which, I think, is to be depended upon. The French reſident here pretends to ſay, that he has had no intelligence from Cuddalore concerning the ſuſpenſion of arms, though, to my certain knowledge, he has received ſeveral packets, as the perſon I employ has received Letters by the ſame conveyance.

* *This Letter, with the following encloſure, was received by me the 8th, under a flying ſeal, on purpoſe to be communicated, if I thought proper, to M. Gen. Bruce; which I did.*

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*not have failed of bringing the war to a happy and honourable concluſion long ago, and conſequently have been the ſaving of immenſe treaſures to the public.*

*A body of five thouſand men ſtationed at* Bidenore *, and the like number below the* Ghauts, *would reduce Tippoo Sahib to a moſt critical ſituation, if he attacked either; and, I believe, moſt military men who have ſeen the country, will allow that his doing ſo, ought more to be wiſhed than dreaded,—if he ever come below the Ghauts, with two ſuch Armies to follow and receive him, he muſt defeat both, or be inevitably ruined; for the country is not like the Carnatick, with a number of paſſes for his horſe and cannon, here are* only *two difficult Ghauts up or down, which he could not convey cannon, even when unmoleſted, but with great labour and difficulty; nor would it be poſſible ſcarcely for his Army to make their retreat through this paſs;—on the other hand, if he attacked our Army poſted at* Bidenore, *that below the Ghauts could march to their aſſiſtance, and might bring him between both, ſo that he muſt of neceſſity engage us to diſadvantage, or leave us in quiet poſſeſſion of the moſt valuable part of his country; beſides this*

* Bidenore was recovered by Tippoo above three weeks before the date of Mr. Sibbald's Letter; and yet it was this and ſuch like military ſchemes of the gentlemen in the civil line of the Company's ſervice, that led, as I think, to the counteraction I experienced from Lord Macartney, &c. which defeated the plan of junction of Colonel Fullarton's force with me in May, and in its direct conſequences ſaved the French at Cuddalore from deſtruction, and loſt the moment of ſecuring (by the poſſeſſion of Mangalore) an advantageous peace with Tippoo Sahib. See my Remarks, page 240 to 243. J. S. 1784.

[Encloſure in the preceding.]

Mr. Buſſy has wrote a Letter to Tippoo Sahib, dated the 3d inſtant, to the following purport: "The Engliſh and French Kings have con- "cluded a peace in Europe; and I have orders *firſt* to ſettle one "betwixt you and the Engliſh before I finiſh that for my own "nation. While you remain at Seringapatam the buſineſs never can "be ſettled with advantage to you. Agreeable to orders, I ſhall delay "coming to a concluſion for a month; in the mean time you will "return to the Carnatic with your whole Army, and deſtroy the ☞ "countries as uſual. *The Engliſh, in this caſe, will conclude a peace* "*on your own terms.*"

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*advantage of ſituation, the ſea coaſt being open to us for nine months in the year, by which we are able to tranſport troops, ſtores, and proviſions from one part to another, with the greateſt facility, is a circumſtance of the higheſt importance.*

*I hope your Lordſhip will excuſe the freedom of this further long addreſs, and attribute it to the real motive, which is no other than* * my zeal for the public ſervice.

(Signed) J. SIBBALD.

## From Mr. SIBBALD to the Hon. WARREN HASTINGS.

SIR, Tellicherry, May 22, 1783.

*I truſt that my motive for this Addreſs will be received by you as a ſufficient apology for the liberty.*

*As the vigorous proſecution of the war againſt Tippoo Sahib from this ſide of India, is probably the only plan that can be adopted for effectually diſtreſſing of his affairs, and in conſequence producing a ſpeedy and advantageous peace, it is the duty of every individual to furniſh ſuch hints and information to Government as may come to their knowledge, in conſequence of particular circumſtances or ſituation.—Such, I conſider to have been mine, having been twelve years reſident in Hyder's country, and one of them paſſed at Seringapatam.—Upon this principle I take the liberty, Sir, of encloſing you an* Extract of a Letter I have lately written to Mr. Hornby, *and doubt not you will conſider the ſubject of real importance.*

* See Extract Mr. S. to Mr. Hornby, ☞ p. 324.

*I am*

## [From Major General STUART.]

## Major General BRUCE commanding the Carnatic Army in the Field.

SIR, *In Camp, South of Cuddalore, July* 9, 1783.

HAVING applied to Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes to ſend a frigate to carry me to the Preſidency, and expecting it to arrive in not many days hence, I take this occaſion to repeat the confirmation of what is contained in the *General Orders of the 3d inſtant*, that, until further orders, you have every authority that I can give, empowering you to *accept* of the command of the Company's Troops with this Army;

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*I am ſanguine as to the ſucceſs of the object deſcribed, becauſe I know that the blow could be given* ſudden *and unſuſpected, and with the greateſt ſecurity to our own troops from the circumſtance of having the Corga Rajah for an ally *, and his country ſo cloſe upon our rear.*

*Seringapatam, though a place of high reputation in the eyes of the country powers, is by no means a fortreſs of great ſtrength, but being the* capital *of Tippoo's Myſore Dominion, and* depoſitory of the whole wealth of his country, *perhaps no blow of equal importance to the taking of this place could be given him; and if our troops at Mangalore are put in a condition to take the field in the Bidenore country* after *the rains, the reduction of Seringapatam would be a very great and effectual ſupport to their operations, and would moſt completely diſtreſs the affairs of the enemy.*

(Signed) J. SIBBALD.

(Referred to in the preceding.)

EXTRACT of a Letter from Mr. SIBBALD to Governor HORNBY, dated Mangalore, May 7, 1783.

*I muſt relate to you a part of my conference with Hyat Sahib, which I think of the greateſt importance for you to know, in caſe the war againſt Tippoo Sahib ſhould be carried on with vigour after the rains.— He told me the Engliſh had it in their power to ſtrike the moſt important blow that could poſſibly be given to Tippoo, and ſuch as would immediately reduce him to*

* It is worth notice here to refer to Lieut. Col. Campbell's opinion of this ſcheme of co-operation by the Corga-Raja's Nairs, ſee ☞ p. 245. J. S. 1784.

Army; and, upon my leaving the Army to embark, you are *by me* appointed to command his Majeſty's troops now ſerving with this Army; alſo till further orders directly from myſelf.

I ſhall continue from time to time (as has been the caſe for theſe few days paſt) to communicate, either in writing or converſation, whatever may occur as neceſſary to be known or done in the preſent ſituation of things.

In regard to what you wiſh to know concerning Chillumbrum, you will perceive, from the bare inſpection of the map, that it is of the higheſt

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*our own terms; but he ſaid we knew not of this advantage, or how this blow was to be effected. —He aſked me if the Engliſh would reward him if it met with ſucceſs, I ventured to pledge myſelf that they would;—he then aſſured me that he had ſettled with the Igoni and Corga Rajahs for the ſafe paſſage of our troops through their country, who however are in no condition to refuſe it, but which, indeed, if they were, they would not do, being in revolt againſt Tippoo's Government.*

*" He ſaid, that the force requiſite for his grand undertaking was 4000 men to be collected at " Tellicherry in September, and that he would then engage (Coward as he is) to conduct them in " ſafety with ſix pieces of cannon to the gates of Seringapatam in nine days from their leaving " Tellicherry, and that he would engage by means of the above two Rajahs, who muſt come in " for ſome ſhare of the ſpoil, that the arrival of our troops at the gates of Seringapatam " ſhould be the firſt intelligence the enemy ſhould have of their approach.—The diſtance from the " frontier of the Corga country is ſo very ſhort, Seringapatam could not reſiſt half this force, " and therefore its reduction would be certain."*

*His account of the late Nabob's treaſures in this place is ſo immenſe, that I think it too extravagant to mention,* but I really am of opinion that the capture of that place would not be worth ſo little as ten crore of rupees *, *which would, Sir, of itſelf be a greater ob-*

* It is obſervable, that almoſt all of theſe ſort of military plans hold out at firſt ſuch golden baits as here mentioned by Mr. Sibbald; but the dear bought experience of the Eaſt-India Company (particularly during the late war) will evince the conſtant fallacy of ſuch expectations. Whatever ſeparate or private advantages, during that period, may have accrued to their chief civil ſervants, their commiſſaries, contractors, agents, or paymaſters, or to their Generals and Principal Officers in command, yet the Eaſt-India Company gained nothing; on the contrary, millions of money have been waſted in conſequence (as I think) of improvident, impolitic, or unneceſſary cabinet meaſures, tending to produce war inſtead of ſecuring *peace, by which alone the Eaſt India Company can either benefit themſelves or the Mother-country.* J. S. 1784.

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☞ higheſt importance to be preſerved and ſtrengthened. The garriſon requiſite ſhould conſiſt of at leaſt 400 good Sepoys, a conductor, two ſerjeants, and 20 artillery-men, and two ſerjeants and 20 Europeans from the Madras infantry. I ſhould incline to leave Lieutenant Brickmire for the preſent in the command with his *corps*, to which, when I found no reinforcement come from Tanjore, I deſired him to add another company, until the pleaſure of Government was known, making, in the whole, about 220 men. I think he is truſt-worthy; and, by adding ſome native-officers, whom the Adjutant-General can point out, to be depended upon, I ſhould think it would be better for conciliating *the country people* that he ſhould remain, than that it were made a command of any officer of higher rank, leſs acquainted with *them*.

Captain

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*ject than any thing we can poſſibly have in view in the courſe of the war, and would either produce an immediate peace, or ſupply us amply with the means of proſecuting the war.*

*This body of our troops would ſtand againſt any thing when in poſſeſſion of Seringapatam; and, what would add to its ſecurity, would be the frontier of the Corga country or Periapatam (which I have been at myſelf), being only 35 miles from Seringapatam, and a cloſe woody country.*

☞ If, Sir, a plan of this ſort ſhould ripen into execution, I ſhould be exceedingly obliged to you to reſerve ſomething ſuitable for me on that occaſion, by way of compenſation for my preſent diſappointment.

## Extract of a Letter from Mr. Sibbald to Lord Macartney.

Tellicherry, June 13, 1783.

" *The preſerving our footing there (Mangalore) is of the laſt importance, as it is* on this " coaſt only that we can moſt effectually and ſpeedily diſtreſs the affairs of the enemy.—

☞ " *The marching into his country from the Carnatic, owing to the diſtance of his fortreſſes of* " *importance, from our frontiers, and his great ſuperiority over us in point of cavalry*, is ſubject*

* This Letter from Mr. Sibbald was received a conſiderable time after thoſe preceding; but I place it here in view, purpoſely to ſhew how ideas vary from practical experience; becauſe, moſt undoubtedly, the poſition is juſt, " that to diſtreſs the Myſoreans effectually, the war was to " be carried on from Mangalore, and not inland from the Carnatic." Such will be found to have

☞ been my uniform opinion on the Company's records ever ſince the year 1776. J. S. 1784.

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Captain Moorhouſe ſhould ſend, with all diſpatch, two or three hundred ſtand of arms to Chillumbrum: the French arms will do, if they have ball, with an additional quantity of ſmall ſtores, with ammunition, flints, and powder, and materials for making fixed ammunition for the guns: however, this ſtatement for the mere garriſon of Chillumbrum is only on the ſuppoſition of the neceſſity to employ the larger part of the Army in the field; becauſe, betwixt Porto-novo, and Chillumbrum, and Palamcotta, when it is in our poſſeſſion, I ſhould be of opinion to employ an *entire battalion*; and I have lately mentioned to Colonel Fullarton (as my *private* opinion), if he advances as far as Palamcotta, to endeavour to carry it, and leave ſome companies of Sepoys there.

An inſpection into the map will ſhew you the connection of theſe two places; it was owing to the infidelity or the ſurprize of the people who

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☞ " *to great difficulties and delay; whereas on this coaſt an army almoſt within fifty miles of his* " *important capital of Bidenore, and which, as I have before noticed to your Lordſhip in a* " *former Addreſs, we could both take and maintain, in defiance of his whole force, had we* " *once an Army of* ten thouſand *Regulars in that country.*"

## Extract of Letter from the Select Committee of Bombay to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, dated June 19, 1783.

*Colonel M'Leod has given his opinion, that to effect any great purpoſe, he ſhould ſet out in the campaign with at leaſt one thouſand effective Europeans, five thouſand Sepoys, and a well-manned train of artillery, to conſiſt of at leaſt twenty pieces.*

The diſperſion of the Army in detachments, appears to have been the cauſe of our late loſs.—*To avoid the like error* in future *, *we propoſe acting upon the ſame principle that was*

* I have here placed this extract from Bombay, to ſhew the difference of practical plans from thoſe of theory and ſpeculation in war. I did not remain in India long enough to know *officially* the reaſons why ſuch a rational plan had not its full effect, ſo far at leaſt as to have ſecured to the Eaſt-India Company ſome commercial coaſt ſituation, in return for ſurrendering *Mangalore* and *Onore* to the Myſorean. See my own opinion on this point, laſt part of Remarks, p. 242, 243. J. S. 1784.

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who were intruſted by the Nabob with *Chillumbrum*, that the *late Hyder Ally* got ſuch a footing, and drew ſuch reſources from the ſouthward: this Army has *known* and *felt* the conſequence, in which it was viewed by our late Commander in Chief; and it ſeems to me of ſuch conſequence that I ſhould adviſe a regular report to be made of its ſtate through the Chief Engineer, on a particular ſurvey, by his direction; the preſent time is favourable for it.

As you do me the honour to deſire my ſentiments on the general view of our affairs, and as relative to immediate movements, I am clearly of opinion, that, on the ſtrength of what has paſſed with Monſ. de Buſſy, the cattle of the Army, which are ſuffering by the preſent poſition, or the larger part of them ſhould be ſent to ſome place of better forage, where they might be guarded by a proper detachment and Captain Ralinſon's horſe: if towards Mooti-pollum, it would be directly in communication with Porto-novo. It has already been obſerved, that the ſtate of our artillery, battering-train, and heavy ſtores, compared with our means of carriage, renders, for the preſent, the maſs of this Army immoveable; independent of that circumſtance, were it even in a condition to move, I ſhould humbly conceive it highly impolitic, until the articles of the definitive treaty are minutely complied with, both in that reſpect, and with a view of remaining

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*adopted when Colonel M'Leod was laſt appointed to the command, namely, to keep the Army together well equipped and furniſhed in fit condition to follow the enemy.—With ſuch a force we can either proceed in recovering the country we have loſt, or oblige Tippoo Sahib to maintain a defenſive war, either of which are great objects.*

*If he returns with his principal force on this ſide of India, it would be preſumption to promiſe the recovery of Bidenore* with almoſt any Army, *but ſtill the grand object to the Company would be anſwered, of transferring the war from the Carnatic; or if he ſhould ſtill continue the war in the Carnatic, no detached force he could leave on this ſide, would, we hope, be able to prevent our Army from reconquering, and by right management ſecuring Bidenore.*—Theſe ideas are confirmed by Colonel M'Leod's opinion.

betwixt the French force and Tippoo Sahib, who may be tempted by the promiſe of *feigned* deſertion, to keep up the troubles in the Carnatic; the peace of the Southern provinces will likewiſe thereby be *beſt* ſecured; for if this Army moves bodily towards the Preſidency, until theſe objects are ſettled, it will be next to an impoſſibility to move them back again.

The ſtate of the ſick and wounded has already been ſpoke to; but a very great inducement to remain, ariſes from the accounts of this day from Mr. Cochrane, that two veſſels from him had ſailed from Tranquebar the 5th, and would be followed immediately by ſeveral others, he having heard of M. Buſſy's Letter to you, dated 3d.

By our calculation of this day, there is a certainty of at leaſt *fourteen* days rice * on ſhore for the Army; allowing a large proportion for public followers; it is therefore next to a mathematical certainty, that in leſs than three days time you will have five weeks proviſion, independent of what may be hourly expected from Madras. I ſhould likewiſe imagine that a ſhip of war, with the original authentic articles of peace, both from the courts of France and England, may be hourly looked for, the French muſt then immediately evacuate Cuddalore, where our ſtores of every ſort may be depoſited, and our ſick people taken care of; and ſuch a force may remain in that neighbourhood as to give *authortiy* to the orders of Government relative to the articles of the treaty, the rice and proviſions expected from the ſouthward and northward will be in quantity ſufficient for any Army needed to act to the weſtward, in caſe Tippoo Sahib does not accede to the treaty; the large villages of Villaporam, Vicaravendy, &c. about 20 miles to the weſt of Pondicherry, alſo towards Gingee, are in cultivation; and that neighbourhood may be made the place of rendezvous for the

* See note, p. 308.



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Army, being in the high-road to Trinomalee, Tyagar, and all the paſſes towards Balaghaut or Tippoo's country.

At the time when the abſence of our Fleet, and the urgency of the ſervice at Cuddalore made me think it highly neceſſary for Colonel Fullarton's force to croſs the Coleroon, and advance towards us; I had planned an expedition ſo as to draw as much benefit as poſſible from that force, even before joining; he was to have halted at the large village Venketamapetah, about 14 miles from hence; and I meant to have ordered a conſiderable body of cavalry to have moved on the ſame day with Colonel Fullarton towards Trivady, the rendezvous of Seyd Saib; and much about the ſame time his Majeſty's 23d dragoons, with the 12th battalion of Sepoys, were to have marched from Permacoil, in the direction of Vicaravendy and Villaporam, thus taking the enemy in the rear; and there is ſcarce a doubt but by ſecrecy and expedition the whole of the enemy's main body of horſe, with their proviſions, would have been either taken or drove into the Bound-hedge of Cuddalore, which I meant to have entirely poſſeſſed myſelf of; the additional force from Fullarton and Permacoil could only enable

*N. B.* ☞ me to do it; and thus we ſhould at one ſtroke have taken both the French and their Allies as in a net. The ſeperate deputation from the Company's Government for a ceſſation of hoſtilities has put an end to ſuch ſchemes; all that ſeems needed, or indeed in your power now is, to have ſpeedy and good intelligence both of Tippoo Sahib or Seyd Saib's movements, and the French intrigues or attempts to join them, ſo as you may have a detachment ready to impede the junction.

☞ The dependance which an Army in this country neceſſarily has upon the draught and carriage cattle, renders it a very principal object to aſcertain, with exactneſs, the numbers, and to diſcharge ſuch as are unfit for ſervice. Upon a former occaſion I gave orders to muſter the cattle

of the whole Army in one day, in order to prevent the tricks of the bullock-maſters mixing the cattle: it may not now be poſſible to do ſo; but the Quarter-maſter General, who is fully acquainted with the buſineſs, will be able to inform you in what manner, with the greateſt exactneſs and preciſion, to get at their *real* ſtate, in numbers and quality. Beſides viewing the buſineſs in the military way, you will do an eſſential ſervice to the Eaſt-India Company. The expence, in this ſingle article, is beyond meaſure. The buſineſs is not done by contract, but by *agency*; and ſo much the worſe, as there are no certain ☞ limits or bounds to their expence; and under the *feigned name* of bullock-maſtries, I believe there are immoderate fortunes making by *Europeans*. I have done all in my power, by the muſter and regular returns, to control * and leſſen the expence, which is ſtill enormous; and it is next to impoſſible thoroughly to inveſtigate the abuſes.

The Letter from Mr. Cochrane, dated the 6th inſtant †, and what he writes to the Select Committee, which I have confidentially communicated to you, makes me believe that Monſ. de Buſſy will endeavour by all means to prevail upon Tippoo to come into the Carnatic with his utmoſt force, and make the moſt of it for the four months *optional* time left to him (Tippoo), to make his peace; and therefore we ſhould endeavour to get poſſeſſion of Cuddalore as quickly as the terms ☞ of peace will allow, and likewiſe be ready for action in the field: the Select Committee are mean while anſwerable for the order they have given to Colonel Fullarton; becauſe, if this laſt intelligence from Mr. Cochrane is to be depended upon, the force under Fullarton might beſt be employed with this Army, ſo ſoon as our ſupplies arrive.

I ſhould humbly adviſe, with all diſpatch, to make out authentic official copies of Monſ. de Buſſy's Letters to you, dated 5th and 7th, and to forward them to Mr. Cochrane, to be ſhewn at Tranquebar, and

* See in the Collection my Orders for Control and Muſter, from p. 1. to 15. J. S. 1784.

† See p. 321, 322. J. S. 1784.

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to be ſent, with the proviſion-veſſels, for the inſpection of the French cruizers. The cruizer off Devicottah, which alarmed the two Donies ſent by him the 5th, and occaſioned their return to Tranquebar, ſeems ſuſpicious; and perhaps Mr. Cochrane judged right not to ſend the veſſel till after the 9th, being the day fixed in Europe for hoſtilities ceaſing.

(Signed) JAMˢ STUART.

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## From Major General STUART to Colonel FULLARTON.

*Camp, before Cuddalore, July* 6, 1783.

I HAD the honour, on the 3d inſtant, to receive your Letter of the 29th *ult.* Having that day delivered over the command of the Army in the field, in terms according to the annexed General Orders, to

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EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, Camp at Poualloure, July 3, 1783. } *I had the pleaſure of writing to you on the 1ſt, explaining fully to you many particulars of which I wiſhed you to inform the General.—The Army is at length thus far on its march towards the coaſt; I truſt it will be attended with all the good effects that can be expected from it. It is impoſſible for us to carry more than twelve days rice, which travels on the backs of the Sepoys. I underſtand that rice is not a plentiful commodity at Cuddalore; it is therefore not impoſſible that we may become an embarraſſment by conſuming an additional quantity of grain.—I hope you will give us all information of what means I can uſe on my march to prevent ſo unfortunate a conſequence. If you know of any places between this and Cuddalore, where hoards of grain can be procured, let me know by expreſs, that I may be ſucceſsful in my exertions.—I ſhall march as rapidly as poſſible for the Europeans.*

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EXTRACT.

From Colonel Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated Camp at Camarſavella, 17 miles from Warriorpollam, July 5, 1783. (Copy received by M. Gen. Stuart, July .) } *I encloſe to you, for General Stuart's information, an Abſtract of the Roll of the Forces left to the ſouthward. You will pleaſe to forward it by the firſt ſafe opportunity, and take care that it may not fall into any hands but the General's. I have a regular Return for May, but I ſhall not venture to ſend it till I ſhall hear from you that there is no danger in doing ſo. I am advancing towards Cuddalore as faſt as I can poſſibly advance, and cannot be long of getting there; for we march above fifty miles in three days. I underſtand there are accounts of a pacification in Europe; Mr. Clarke was good enough to mention it.*

to the Honourable Major General Bruce, and having fully explained to him the change of ſyſtem brought about by the ceſſation of arms agreed upon, on the 2d, by the deputation from Government with M. Buſſy, all which Major General Bruce meant to inform you of, I therefore

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*The General writes me that he does not want any cattle now. I have tranſmitted to him in Duplicate, a copy of the Committee's orders to me of the 17th June, over-ruling all orders, except ſuch as ſhall come through the Committee*, and directing me to conſider all the orders I have received, previouſly to their Letter, as actually over-ruled. I have not yet had the General's anſwer to that Letter.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Preſent Strength and Diſtribution of the Forces left in the Southern Garriſons (not including the Force in this Army under the command of Colonel WILLIAM FULLARTON). *Camp, 2d July* 1783.

| Garriſon of TANJORE and its Dependencies. | |
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| *The Regular Cavalry,* | 191 |
| *Invalid Artillery,* | 17 |
| *Native ditto,* | 30 |
| *Detachment, 12th Battalion,* | 413 |
| *23d Carnatic Battalion,* | 489 |
| *4th Sibendy ditto,* | 1534 |
| *Total* | 2674 |

| Garriſon of TRICHINOPOLY. | |
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| *Four Companies diſmounted Cavalry,* | 333 |
| *Regiment of Nabob's Artillery,* | 131 |
| *Topaſs Battalion,* | 497 |
| *15 Independant Companies,* | 999 |
| *Total* | 1960 |

| Garriſon of PALLAMCOTTAH. | |
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| *2 Troops diſmounted Cavalry,* | 55 |
| *Native Artillery,* | 74 |
| *22 Carnatic Battalion,* | 537 |
| *5 Companies of the 25th Battalion,* | 235 |
| *18 Companies of Independants,* | 327 |
| *Total* | 1228 |

| Garriſon of MADURA. | |
|---|---|
| *10th Carnatic Battalion,* | 518 |
| *5 Companies 25th ditto,* | 235 |
| *A Company of Topaſſes* | 85 |
| *Independants,* | 275 |
| *Total* | 1113 |

| Garriſon of DINDIGUL. | |
|---|---|
| *6th Carnatic Battalion,* | 773 |
| *5 Companies of the 9th, ditto,* | 456 |
| *Independants detached from the Garriſon of Trichinopoly,* | 276 |
| *Total* | 1505 |

N. B. *His Highneſs the Nabob's 5th Battalion of Sepoys, and a Company of Topaſs Artillery, lately doing duty in the Garriſon of Ramnadeporam; no Return of them received ſince January* 1783.

*His Highneſs the Nabob's 6th Battalion of Sepoys, and 25 native Artillery, lately doing duty in the Garriſon of Tripatore; no Return received ſince April* 1783.

N. B. 160 *Europeans left in Trichinopoly, fifty or ſixy of them to proceed to Tanjore.*

* See page 226 to 288.

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therefore thought it unneceſſary to anſwer that Letter of the 29th, further than by an occaſional correſpondence with Mr. Cochrane, who I deſired ſeparately to write to you; but ſeeing, by a Letter from him, that a diviſion has been made in your force, after paſſing the river, and that *Colonel Forbes* is on one ſide, and you on the other, it has occurred to me, that on receiving the *laſt orders* of the Committee, there may be a difference of opinion, and therefore I take this occaſion to ſay to you what I have ſaid to Major General Bruce, "that, as the preſent ceſſa-" tion of hoſtilities here removes the immediate neceſſity of a junction " of your force with ours;" therefore, though I am entirely ignorant of the preſent or future plans for the force to the ſouthward, I give it as my opinion that *their* orders ſhould be obeyed, whether ſignified directly from them, or through the *medium* of General Bruce; and I deſire that you will act accordingly.

Monſ. de Buſſy has explained himſelf very clearly, by a Letter of the 5th, in anſwer to one of the 4th from General Bruce, that hoſtilities betwixt the Engliſh and French Armies and Fleets have ceaſed. I ſuppoſe General Bruce will ſend you a copy of the Letter; and Mr. Cochrane has, in conſequence, been written to, to forward all the ſupplies he has in readineſs for this Army, *which are much needed*, and likewiſe whatever grain Mr. Sulivan can ſend by the river by Chillumbrum. I expect

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EXTRACT.

Intelligence, Tanjore, July 8, 1783. } *Letters from Madras mention, that the Briſtol and Iſis men of war have ſailed with* 350 *Europeans to reinforce Mangalore.—The Southern Army is to be immediately reinforced with five hundred Europeans, and two battalions from the Grand Army. Mr. Sulivan ſent Captain Bruce yeſterday official account of the peace; in conſequence of which a royal ſalute was fired.*]

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A Weekly

expect hourly one of the King's frigates to carry me to the Presidency. Wishing you all success,

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

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A Weekly Report of the Sick and Wounded of the Army, from the 12th June to the 10th July.

| Date. | Corps. | Wounded. | Sick. | Gen. Tot. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *June* 12. | *European Officers,* | | 63 | | *Of the wounded Europeans, there are dead one officer and* 45 *rank and file*; 23 *of whom died evidently from stabs of the bayonet after they had fallen on the field of battle! One hundred and thirty-two have been cured since the thirteenth*; *and out of the remainder (who in general are doing very well), there may be about fifty who will become invalids!* |
| | *Ditto, rank & file,* | 2 | 255 | | |
| | *Natives,* - | 5 | 311 | | |
| | *Total* | 7 | 629 | 636 | |
| *Ditto* 19. | *European Officers,* | 40 | 61 | | |
| | *Ditto, rank & file,* | 390 | 287 | | |
| | *Natives,* - | 261 | 342 | | |
| | *Total* | 691 | 690 | 1381 | |
| *Ditto* 26. | *European Officers,* | 32 | 68 | | *Fifteen natives have died of their wounds since the* 13*th* ult. *and of those remaining, about* 18 *only will be unserviceable. Perhaps no other climate would have proved so favourable to wounds from grape and musketry so near the point of the bayonet!* |
| | *Ditto, rank & file,* | 334 | 291 | | |
| | *Natives,* - | 193 | 308 | | |
| | *Total* | 559 | 667 | 1226 | |
| *July* 3. | *European Officers,* | 30 | 78 | | |
| | *Ditto, rank & file,* | 244 | 306 | | |
| | *Natives,* - | 140 | 210 | | |
| | *Total* | 414 | 594 | 1008 | |
| *Ditto* 10. | *European Officers,* | 28 | 74 | | THOs DAVIS, Surgeon-Major to the Army. |
| | *Ditto, rank & file,* | 211 | 237 | | |
| | *Natives,* - | 121 | 231 | | |
| | *Total* | 360 | 542 | 902 | |

Camp, south of Cuddalore, Head Quarters, July 12, 1783.

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*I have thought fit to bring forward the preceding Return, which, when combined with the other Returns, will shew the real* efficient *strength of the Army under my command during the most critical period from June* 13.—*I have also thereby in view to do justice to the great merit of Surgeon Major Davis (in the Company's service), for his assiduous attention and care of our sick and wounded on this and on every occasion under my observation.* J. S. 1784.

## * From Major General Bruce to the Select Committee.

*Camp, near Cuddalore, July* 14, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to encloſe to you the proceedings of a council of war I found myſelf under the neceſſity of aſſembling, in conſequence of the difficulties I foreſaw would prevent my compliance with your orders.

Waving other conſiderations, I ſhall only beg leave to advert to the impoſſibility of immediately making ſo conſiderable a detachment as that directed by you, in the preſent reduced and diſtreſſed ſtate of this Army.

Unacquainted with the preſent poſition of the Southern Army; with the magazines eſtabliſhed in the Tanjore country; or with the poſſibility of that detachment being able to collect ſufficient for their ſubſiſtence on the route, it would become neceſſary to ſupply the troops, the public and private followers, with grain competent either to carry them to Tanjore or Trichinopoly, which ſupply granted, by a reference to the return given in by the grain-keeper, you will find would have reduced the Army to a ſtate of *abſolute want*, in the courſe of three, or at moſt four days: ſuch a ſtep, conſidering the preſent uncertainty of ſupplies from the Preſidency, could neither be juſtified by *policy*, or warranted by *reaſon*.

Another obſtacle of magnitude to the movement of this detachment, is the want of money. The troops, from their long arrears, are obliged to have credit from the Bazar-men and traders who attend the Army, and who require an adjuſtment of matters upon ſeparation. The arrears of the public followers, ſtill infinitely greater (and ſimilarly ſituated), demand no leſs attention.

* I had communication of this Letter and the Encloſure, after my return to the Preſidency. J. S. 1784.

And

And here I muſt earneſtly requeſt, as you wiſh this ſervice to be forwarded, not to delay the diſpatch of ſuch ſupplies of money and proviſions as may enable me to execute it with promptitude. The ſhips deſtined for the conveyance of the proviſions here can receive on board the ſtores and ordnance, and the many ſick, for whom we have no conveyance with this Army; and thoſe difficulties removed, no further impediment remains to prevent my compliance with the reſt of your orders.

With reſpect to the general and immediate movement of this Army, I hope, my Lord and Gentlemen, it will be found ſo *notoriouſly impracticable*, from the weak and inſufficient ſtate of the draught and carriage cattle, as reported by the Commiſſary of Stores in the encloſed return, as to need little elucidation.

I ſhall only remark, that not only the ordnance and ſtores received from Madras by the ſhipping, but alſo the greater part of the latter in the department of the Commiſſary of Stores, from the great mortality amongſt the cattle, and from the reduced and unſerviceable condition ☞ of what remains, would abſolutely be left behind.

The ſtate of the ſick and wounded, in their *preſent* ſituation, is a matter of painful conſideration; but, on a ſuppoſition of the movement of this Army, would not only *ſhock humanity*, but might have the moſt ☞ pernicious influence on their fellow ſoldiers *. *Nine hundred and thirty men, of which five hundred and fifty are Europeans, from wounds and from ſickneſs, are incapable of walking; and there are only with the Army* 300 *doolies for their conveyance!*

I have now only to obſerve, with regard to the application deſired to be made to the *Marquis de Buſſy* to receive the ordnance and ſtores into Cuddalore, that my own opinion is, that he would decline accepting ſuch a charge during only "*a ceſſation of hoſtilities*," which would not

* See the Return of ſick and wounded, page 334. J. S. 1784.

only

only be *diſgraceful* to us, but ſerve to point out, in the cleareſt manner, our very diſtreſſed condition, of which ruinous advantages might be taken; and I am greatly ſtrengthened in this opinion by an intercepted Letter from M. Buſſy to Tippoo Sahib, "*deſiring his immediate appear-* "*ance in the Carnatic, as the only means of forcing us to his own terms.*"

Another cogent and material cauſe to doubt M. de Buſſy's compliance with that requeſt is, that the *guns, not long ſince in his poſſeſſion, would in a manner appear preſented to his view, awaken the memory of his defeat, and the diſgrace of their loſs.*

The inexpediency of the plan of having a ſmall guard for their protection, M. de Buſſy's Letter to me, on the ſubject of Syed Sahib's being included in the ceſſation, will ſufficiently evince. He ſays "theſe "people have been made acquainted with the orders and the ſituation "they ſtand in with regard to you; but the little attention they have "paid to *mine* or their *own* chief's orders, may ſufficiently juſtify any "ſuſpicions of their good faith." Their conduct ſince, in ſeveral attempts to carry off our cattle, &c. prove the ſuſpicion was *well* founded. Should a force ſufficient to cope with theſe people be left, it would, after making the detachment to the Southward, not only leave this Army in a very weak condition, but alſo require ſuch a quantity of proviſions as I have no proſpect at preſent of being enabled to leave them.

Upon a ſuppoſition of *M. de Buſſy*'s receiving them *conditionally only*, it is a riſk ſo great, and of ſuch moment, as I do not think can, in juſtice to the nation in general and the Honourable Company in particular, be ventured. The determined and unanimous opinion of the council of war on this ſubject ought, and will no doubt have more weight with you than mine ſingly.

In conformity to the ſentiments above expreſſed, and warranted by the concurrent opinion of the council of war, I have diſpatched an expreſs to the commander of the *Morſe*, directing him to proceed here with-

out delay, with the Proviſions he has on board, which, when unloaded, I intend to replace, with ſuch quantity of ſtores and ſick as he will receive. In caſe your inſtructions may prevent his compliance, I have to requeſt you will give ſuch orders as may counteract it. I beg leave here to obſerve that *one* veſſel you are to make application for to the Admiral, is very inadequate to the intended buſineſs; and alſo to point out that opportunity of conveying here the requiſite ſupply of money to enable the detachment to move, which, at a moderate eſtimation will at leaſt be 30,000 Pagodas. I did myſelf the honour of writing to you yeſterday, on this ſubject, over land.

I have directed a particular inveſtigation to be taken of the works of *Chillumbrum*; for the defence of which ſome ordnance ſtores have already been ſent; and ſhould it be reported a place of ſecurity, I intend to depoſit *there* a quantity of powder, to be in readineſs for any *future* expedition near this quarter.

(Signed) T. BRUCE.

[ENCLOSURE.]

*Camp South of Cuddalore, July* 11, 1783.

AT a Council of War held to conſider of the practicability of removing this Army in its preſent ſituation from the ground it *now* occupies; and of the *propriety* of applying to the Marquis de Buſſy to take charge of our military ſtores; and alſo how far it is expedient *now* to make the detachment directed by the Honourable the Select Committee to join the Army under Colonel Fullarton.

PRESENT,

Major General STUART, Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Forces in the Eaſt Indies, *who attends to give his opinion.*

The

The Honourable Major General BRUCE, *commanding the Carnatic Army in the Field.*

Colonels - { STUART / GORDON,

Lieut. Colonels { ROSS / ELLIOT,

And Major MACKAY.

Major General Bruce laid before the Council of War Extracts of a Letter he received from the Honourable the Select Committee, dated 27th June. N° 1.

Likewiſe an extract of a Letter he received the 5th, dated the 3d inſtant, from Meſſrs. Sadleir and Staunton. N° 2.

And one he this day received from Lord Macartney, dated the 8th inſtant. Alſo a Paper of Intelligence, containing the Copy of a Letter *ſaid* to be wrote by M. Buſſy to Tippoo Sahib. N° 3. N° 4.

Major General Bruce laid before the Council of War a ſtate of caſh now in the military cheſt, which amounts *only to* 550 *Pagodas*; and General Stuart informed them, that he had complaints from the *officers commanding the King's regiments*, that they were in arrears for their ſubſiſtence for their officers and men from the 25th of June laſt. General Bruce alſo laid a ſtate of the ſick and wounded, and of the proviſions now in ſtore, before the Council of War. N° 7. N° 8.

The opinions of the Council of War on the following queſtions were requeſted:

Queſt. I. Is it practicable *bodily* to move this Army, as it is now ſituated?

Queſt. II. What is your opinion reſpecting the *propriety* of applying to the Marquis de Buſſy to take charge of our military ſtores, which *cannot* be moved, according to the returns General Bruce has laid before the Council of War?

N°5&6. Queſt. III. How far is it expedient, in the *preſent* ſituation of this Army, to make the detachment directed by the Honourable the Select Committee to join the Army under Colonel Fullarton?

The Council of War, upon examining the different Returns, &c. laid before them by Major General Bruce reſpecting the *firſt* queſtion, are unanimouſly of opinion, "*That it is not now practicable* **bodily to* "*move this Army as it now ſtands.*"

In anſwer to the *ſecond* queſtion, the Council of War are unanimouſly of opinion, "*That the applying to the Marquis de Buſſy to* "*take charge of our military ſtores would be highly improper, inexpedient,* "*and diſgraceful.*"

In anſwer to the *third* queſtion, the Council of War are unanimouſly of opinion, "*That it would not only be highly inexpedient, but impracti-*

* REMARKS.

I think it a duty to myſelf, and to the brave men who ſerved with me at Cuddalore, to declare my own opinion in this place, ſupported, as I think, by every proof the nature of things will admit of, "that the diſtreſſed ſituation of the Army, after the middle of "June continually encreaſing, and now made apparent from the proceedings of this "council of war reſpecting the reſources as above, did really originate *in two cauſes*, both "independent of me, and for which I am not reſponſible; but, on the contrary, foreſee-"ing the poſſibility, did my utmoſt † to prevent."—I ſhall ſtate them in the order of time.

*Firſt*, In the impolitic plans of Lord Macartney and Select Committee, countenancing the *ſeparate* operations of the Southern Forces to the weſtward, eſpecially after the fall of Dindigul (May 4th), thereby counteracting ‡, as they certainly did, in one way or other, my plan for their junction and immediate co-operation againſt the French at Cuddalore in May, which, if it had taken place, would have undoubtedly removed every difficulty on our ſide, both by land and ſea, and in proportion encreaſed the difficulties of the enemy.

*Second*, In the ſucceſsful effect of the French Admiral, *M. Suffrein*'s ſea, manœuvres, (from June 16, 17,) which placed the enemy's fleet *betwixt* our Army and his Majeſty's Squadron, affording thereby every poſſible means of relief and aſſiſtance to *M. de Buſſy* in Cuddalore, whilſt I was deprived of all reſources by ſea, from whence alone they could be obtained at the time. JAM$^{s}$ STUART, 1784.

† *See particularly p.* 177; *alſo Correſpondence with Vice Admiral Sir E. Hughes, p.* 14 *to* 19. J. S. 1784.

‡ *See p.* 109, 110. 129, 130. 144. 155. 162 *to* 164. J. S. 1784.



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" *cable, in the preſent ſituation of things, to make the detachment directed*
" *by the Honourable the Select Committee to join the Army under Colonel*
" *Fullarton.*"

(Signed) T. BRUCE.

## [ENCLOSURE.]

A Return of Laſcars and Draught and Carriage Bullocks neceſſary to move the Ordnance and Stores in Camp, and of the number now employed under the charge of the Commiſſary of Stores for that purpoſe. *Camp, near Cuddalore, July* 10, 1783.

| | Laſcars. | Draught Bullocks. | Carriage Bullocks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To draw the Ordnance and carry the Stores now in Camp (*would require*), - - | 520 | 3862 | 7090 |
| Employed *at preſent* by the Commiſſary of Stores, many of them very weak and unfit for immediate ſervice, - - - - - | 289 | 2861 | 1978 |
| * *Wanting* to move the Ordnance and Stores, ſuppoſing the bullocks employed all fit for ſervice, | 231 | 1001 | 5112 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gun Powder, | 100lb. barrels, - | 1379 |
| Ditto, | 60lb. ditto, - | 1806 |
| | Total | 3185 |

(Signed) JOS. MOORHOUSE,
Commiſſary of Stores to the Army.

* The preceding ſtatement of the Carriage *that would have been needed* to remove the Artillery and Stores, will ſerve to evince the impoſſibility to have complied with the orders of Government, if to be moved with the Army. The particular Returns of Ordnance and Stores of all ſorts were tranſmitted to the Preſidency, and are upon record. J. S. 1784.

## GENERAL ORDERS, in Camp, July 14, 1783.

THE Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's and of the Honourable Company's Forces in the Carnatic, being now called upon to attend his duty as a Member of Government, takes this occaſion, both on private and public grounds, to repeat his thankful obligations to this brave Army, and to aſſure them, that whether in Council or in the Field, they ſhall ever be the chief object of his care and attention.

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*I left Camp in the forenoon of July* 14, 1783, *and dined that day at M. de Buſſy's at Cuddalore; in the afternoon I embarked from thence in the Medea frigate, being the firſt occaſion that offered for my return to the Preſidency after the General Orders of July* 3.

J. S. 1784.

# ADVERTISEMENT.

*IN the State of Facts and Proofs given to the Select Committee of Fort St. George before I left India, in October* 1783, *I referred* * *to the original Letters on record, of which I could only then collect the heads; I have, in what precedes, brought in view the whole of these Letters of any consequence that are at present in my possession, connected with the Campaign (from April to July* 1783*) against the French at Cuddalore,* from me to the Select Committee of Fort St. George *during that period.—I have likewise taken upon myself there to produce such collateral correspondence as tended to elucidate and ascertain Facts and Dates connected with the public service.—The Remarks, Notes, or References in the preceding Collection, are inserted with the like view.*

*I shall, in what follows, observe the same rule in bringing forward all the Letters* from the Select Committee to me, *or from Colonel Fullarton, Mr. J. Sulivan, or others, relative to the public service during the period above mentioned.*

J. S. 1784.

* See page 10, State of Facts.

# LETTERS

FROM THE

## Select Committee of *Fort St. George*, and Others,

Connected with the Military Operations in *April*, *May*, *June*, and *July* 1783,

Againſt the *French*, *&c.* at *Cuddalore*;

TO

## Major General JAMES STUART,

Commanding his *Majeſty*'s, and the *Eaſt India* Company's Troops in the *Carnatic*.

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### From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George*, *April* 22, 1783.

WE have received the honour of your * Letter of the 20th inſtant, and are to acquaint you, that we did not receive the Admiral's anſwer to our Letter on the ſubject of the ſtore-ſhips till this day: we ſend you copies of both, and aſſure you that on our parts, every expedition poſſible ſhall be uſed to forward the ſupplies to you, as we have nothing ſo much at heart as the ſucceſs of the preſent expedition under your command.

The ſtores and ammunition, we hope, will be all on the beach to-morrow except the powder, which it will not be practicable to ſend at

* See my Letter, p. 13, to which this is ſuppoſed to be an Anſwer. J. S. 1784.

once, by the firſt diviſion, in ſo large a quantity as is indented for. Theſe, together with a quantity of rice now in the Roads, to be tranſſhipped to the Harriet, Minerva, and Pondicherry, will be ſent to the ſouthward of Cuddalore, the moment the above-mentioned veſſels are ready.—As theſe ſhips are coppered, we expect they will be able to get up in ſeven or eight days from the time of their departure. Proper directions have been given for proportioning the articles to be put on board them.

All the indents for your Army are complied with to the utmoſt of our ability. Mr. Roſs informed the Preſident this day, that you will find no want of ſlaughter-cattle.—With reſpect to money, whatever we receive from the Company's Revenue, from the aſſigned countries, and from every other channel, goes almoſt entirely to the military ſervice. We have received no ſupplies from Bengal ſince January, although we had promiſes from thence of a regular monthly remittance, little is to be obtained on our bills.—Theſe are circumſtances which you * are well aware of; but we truſt that theſe difficulties will be no impediments to our ſucceſs.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX$^{R}$ DAVIDSON.

* I do not know why this appeal was made to me by Lord M. and S. C. or that I was ſuppoſed to know any thing of their money matters, becauſe, although I was a member of the efficient Government, known by the name of the Select Committee, yet I was neither admitted of Council in the ordinary Revenue matters of the Company, nor was I of the extraordinary Committee of Revenue aſſigned by the Nabob to Lord Macartney individually, as he himſelf ſaid; and therefore ſpontaneouſly put by his Lordſhip under the ſuperintendence of the Select Committee (myſelf excluded), at the ſame time excluding all interference of the Company's council at large. J. S. 1784.

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## N° I.

[Enclosure in the preceding.]

From the Select Committee to Vice-Admiral Sir E. HUGHES, K. B. &c.

SIR, *Fort St. George, April* 21, 1783.

AS you have been so good in your Letter of the instant to inform us, that the Harriett, Minerva, and Pondicherry, shall be appointed for the service now going forward towards Cuddalore, we are to request that you will please to give orders for their being got in readiness with all possible expedition, and that the officers commanding them, be directed to receive on board the stores and provisions intended for the Army, as also such a proportion of European troops as can be conveniently sent in them respectively, not exceeding 600 men. Every assistance in our power shall be given for the delivery of those ships; and we flatter ourselves that they may be able to proceed in a few days.

We have the honour, &c.

(Signed) MACARTNEY and Select Committee.

## N° II.

[Enclosure in the preceding.]

From Vice-Admiral Sir E. HUGHES, K. B. to the Select Committee.

*Superb, in Madras Road, April* 22, 1783.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letter of yesterday, desiring his Majesty's three armed store-ships, Pondicherry, Minerva, and Harriet, destined to the service against Cuddalore, might be got in readiness with all possible expedition; and that the officers commanding them be directed to receive on board the stores and provisions intended for the Army, with such a proportion of European troops as can be conveniently sent in them. In answer to which I have to inform you, that if the stores and provisions now on board these ships can be landed without retarding the watering of the squadron in the least degree, I will order them to be so landed with all possible diligence; and that the officers commanding the said store-ships will have my orders to receive such troops as may be sent on board them, but at the sole expence of the Company for provisions, and under the orders of

the officers who command the ſhips. It may be proper to inform you, that after my departure from this road, the ſeveral ſtore-ſhips will be put under the order of Captain Haliday of his Majeſty's ſhip Iſis; and that he will have full inſtructions from me for his conduct, regarding the ſervice to be performed on this occaſion.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen,
(Signed) EDWᴰ HUGHES.

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## From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, 26th April, 1783.*

WE are to acknowledge the honour of your Letters of the 22d *and 23d inſtant, and feel much concerned at the accidents you complain of in your march.—The deſertion of the Coolies ſeems very extraordinary, whilſt they had an enemy to apprehend, it was not to be wondered that ſome ſhould deſert; but at this time their leaving the Army appears unaccountable.—We are perſuaded, that if it ſhould have ariſen from ill treatment, or improper management, you will not fail to remedy the evil to the beſt of your power.—We have not yet heard of any of them appearing here; but Mr. Roſs will uſe every poſſible endeavour when they do, to engage them again in the ſervice, and ſend them loaded, as you deſire, to Chingleputt. We are glad to hear of the ſucceſs of Captain Patterſon in procuring ſlaughter-cattle for the Army, and hope that he has given receipts to the owners, in the ſame manner as you mention Mr. Kenworthy to have given to him.

When firſt we determined, at your particular requeſt, to empower you to ſend orders to Colonel Lang for the junction of a part of his

* See my Letters, p. 15. 23, to which this is ſuppoſed to be an Anſwer.

Army to yours, for the purpoſe of obtaining the more ſpeedy poſſeſſion of Cuddalore, it was upon your aſſurances that you would leave ſuch a force to the ſouthward *, as *you would be convinced* would be ſufficient to maintain our footing there, to give protection and encouragement to thoſe who may have declared in our favour, and even to act offenſively, and as much as poſſible to aſſiſt General Mathews; and when the ſubject was diſcuſſed in Committee a ſecond time, you aſſured us, that you would not call a part of the ſouthern Army to join you, but in the fulleſt conviction of the neceſſity of the meaſure, in order to effect the great object of getting poſſeſſion of Cuddalore, and the French forces therein, and that you would do the utmoſt to let the Committee be judges of that neceſſity, before you would determine on the meaſure; and the Committee, upon thoſe aſſurances, agreed to ſuch meaſures, in caſe it ſhould be indiſpenſably neceſſary.

It may have been very proper to have given notice to Colonel Lang, of the poſſibility of ſuch meaſures taking place, which may be the meaning of the ſentence in your Letter of the 22d inſtant, in which you mention, "that you had communicated to him what had occurred "to you, conformably to our intentions;" but, as nothing had then happened ſince the 19th inſtant, to prevent you from letting the Committee be judges of the neceſſity of a junction of a part of the Southern Army with yours, before you had determined on the meaſure agreeably to your promiſe on the meeting of that day, we truſt your Letter to Colonel Lang did not include any ſuch determination.

But, to prevent all diverſity of orders to the Commander of the Southern forces, we deſire that you will forthwith ſend us copies of

* In order to avoid unneceſſary repetition, in reaſoning upon this and the following paragraph, I beg leave to refer to the preciſe words of the Reſolutions in Committee here alluded to (purpoſely brought under view), p. 351, 352, and to my Letter to C. Lang, p. 13, 14.—alſo to S. C. and Notes, p. 90 to 93.—See likewiſe State of Facts and Proofs Summary, p. 29, 30. J. S. 1784.

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your correſpondence * in your public capacity with him from the 17th inſtant, to the receipt of this Letter; and that for the future you will pleaſe to ſend to us copies of ſuch orders as you think may be proper to be ſent to the Southern Army.—We have already written to Colonel Lang, who can no longer command Colonel Fullarton or Colonel Forbes, to join your Army; and we have written to the preſent Commanding Officer of the Southern Army to ſend, in caſe you ſhould deſire it, ſuch a detachment to join you, as you ſhould require, and his ſituation permit; we have determined to ſend you from hence 600 Europeans by ſea †, which we hope will ſuperſede the neceſſity of your drawing any part of the Southern troops from the operations which are ſo neceſſary for the preſervation of General Mathews's late conqueſts; and indeed 600 Europeans muſt give more additional ſtrength to your Army againſt the French, than any reinforcement from the Southern Army, which conſiſts chiefly of Sepoys.

We concur perfectly with you in the propriety of encouraging the collection and tranſportation of grain from the ſouthward to a poſt convenient for your Army, and ſteps have been taken for that purpoſe. —As we have been extremely anxious for the departure of the veſſels to be employed in tranſporting troops and ſupplies of all kinds to your Army, we requeſted the Admiral to meet us in Committee for the purpoſe of finally ſettling with him as to the aſſiſtance we had requeſted

* See p. 90 to 93. J. S. 1784.

† The ordering of the 600 Europeans, here mentioned, was known to the S. C. to have been a meaſure fixed upon before I left the Preſidency, independent of the meaſure of co-operation of the Southern Force, and directions were given by me for the purpoſe to the King's Officer commanding.—It was the native Troops or Sepoys (in numbers) that I wanted, in preference to a ſmall number of Europeans, thereby *ſeaſonably* to take poſſeſſion of Porto-novo and Chillumbrum, and to give the means of encompaſſing the whole Bound-hedge and avenues to Cuddalore; all which might have been done by Colonel Fullarton's Force approaching me directly after the ſurrender of Dindigul, May 4.
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on this occaſion from him :—He has accordingly fixed on this day for coming on ſhore to meet us, and we truſt that every effort will be made, that the nature of the things will permit, to ſecure the accompliſhment of the object we have in view.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.

*P. S.* We ſhall inform you of the reſult to-night, or to-morrow.

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☞ *The Select Committee, in the preceding Letter, having made mention of what had paſſed in Committee, concerning the intended co-operation of the Southern Force with the Army under my command, I have, on purpoſe to avoid ambiguity, thought it proper, in this place, to bring forward the preciſe reſolutions of Committee upon that ſubject.*

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* Extract from Conſultations, at a Select Committee on Military Affairs, held the 17th April 1783.

" GENERAL Stuart earneſtly recommends to the Committee the em-
" powering him to order Colonel Lang to join the main Army, with
" the *principal part* of the Southern Army, in order to reduce, in a
" very ſhort time, the French force at Cuddalore, and declares it as his
" opinion, that the junction is neceſſary to make ſure of that important
" object."

" The Preſident, in anſwer, reminds the General of the important ſer-
" vice on which Colonel Lang's Army is now employed, in attacking the
" enemy's poſſeſſions in the Coimbatore country, encouraging the diſ-
" affected there, and creating a *diverſion* in favour of General Mathews,

* See State of Facts, p. 11. and ditto Summary, p. 29 to 32, alſo note *, p. 55.

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" who,

" who, without ſuch diverſion, will probably be unable to make head
" againſt the French force oppoſed to him.

" General Stuart repeats his opinion, as before expreſſed; and the Com-
" mittee agreeing with him, that one great object is the ſpeedily obtaining
" poſſeſſion of Cuddalore and the French force there, as the General thinks,
" that for the attainment of it the junction of the *main part* of Colonel
" Lang's Army will be *indiſpenſably* neceſſary; the Committee empower
" him to ſend orders to Colonel Lang for that purpoſe, the General aſſuring
" them that he will leave ſuch a force to the ſouthward *as he ſhall be con-*
" *vinced* will be ſufficient to maintain our footing there, to give protection
" and encouragement to thoſe who may have declared in our favour, and
" even to act offenſively, and as much as *poſſible* to aſſiſt General Mathews."

## Extract from Conſultations at a Committee the 19th April 1783.

" THE Committee, reconſidering the reſolution paſſed at the laſt meeting
" for empowering General Stuart to order Colonel Lang to join him with
" part of the Southern Army, the General expreſſes his hope, that the Com-
" mitee will place that confidence in him to believe, that he will not call
" Colonel Lang with a part of the Southern Army to join him, but on the
" fulleſt conviction of the abſolute neceſſity of the meaſure, in order to
" effect the great object of getting poſſeſſion of Cuddalore and the French
" force there, and that he will do his *utmoſt* to let the Committee be judges
" of that neceſſity before he determines on the meaſure.

" The Committee having maturely conſidered what has now been offered
" by General Stuart, *confirm the reſolution at the laſt meeting*, for empower-
" ing him to order Colonel Lang to join him with a part of the Southern
" Army, in caſe that meaſure ſhould be indiſpenſably neceſſary."

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## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, April* 27, 1783.

SIR Edward Hughes attended yeſterday the Committee, and gave us the encloſed liſt of the ſhipping, with which he is willing to aſſiſt the expedition to Cuddalore. He has alſo declared to us, that he will ſail in queſt of the enemy without delay; but that his Fleet is not as yet *completely watered.*

Before your march we had ordered all the boats under the Maſter-attendant to be employed in watering the Fleet, and we received no

* This Letter is ſuppoſed to be (partly) in anſwer to mine of the 20th, 22d, and 23d April, p. 13. 15, and 23. J. S. 1784.

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## † From Colonel LANG to Major General STUART.

### EXTRACT.

Camp near Caroor, April 3, 1783.

*I have the honour of informing you, that I took poſſeſſion of the Fort of Caroor at day-break this morning, the enemy having evacuated it in the night, after I had made a lodgment on the glacis; in effecting which, on the night of the 1ſt, Lieutenant Stanley of the 102d and 5 Europeans were killed, and* 14 *wounded; and* 30 *Sepoys killed and wounded. I ſat down before on the place the* 20th ult. *and was under the neceſſity of carrying on regular approaches, contrary to the expectations I had entertained from the deſcription of the place, and intelligence which I had received as authentic, and to be relied upon, from Mr. Sulivan, by whom it has been tranſmitted to the Right Honourable the Preſident and Select Committee.*

*This place has a good glacis, excellent covert-way, deep and broad dry ditch with a revetement, and the wall very high. In my next you ſhall have a ſection of it through the glacis, covert way, ditch, and body of the place drawn by Lieutenant Salmon, the engineer, with his remarks, which will enable you to judge of its ſtrength, and ſhew how far it has been miſrepreſented. The enemy diſputed every inch of ground with me, till I gained the creſt of the glacis, and made a lodgment; in attempting to prevent which they ſuffered ſeverely, to which I impute their being panic-ſtruck, and evacuating the fort ſo ſuddenly and unexpectedly. The loſs during the ſiege is as follows:* 1 *Lieutenant,* 6 *Europeans rank and file;* 1 *Havildar,* 1 *Naigue, and* 13 *Sepoys, total* 22 *killed;* 1 *Lieutenant,* 3 *Serjeants,* 32 *Europeans rank and file;* 1 *Subidar,* 2 *Je-*

† This Letter was received near the end of April; I do not know the preciſe day. J. S. 1784.



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intimation whatſoever, either from the Admiral or any of his officers, that there was deficiency or delay in that buſineſs; and we find by the Maſter-attendant's report, that upwards of *two thouſand tuns* of water had already been ſupplied to the Fleet: But as the Admiral mentioned yeſterday that he would ſail as ſoon as he had a ſufficiency of water, we have adopted every poſſible method of immediately providing *that ſufficiency.*

The Admiral has not as yet informed us to what it will amount, but we have reaſon however to believe, that as much water will be delivered in three or four days from hence, *as the caſks on board the reſpective ſhips* * *can hold*; and we underſtand, though the Admiral

* Concerning the complete watering of the Fleet, and the influence of that belief on my part, ſee notes †, p. 192, and p. 359; alſo Remarks, fronting p. 122. J. S. 1784.

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*metdars, 1 Havidar, 2 Naigues, and 42 Sepoys; total 84 wounded; grand total 106 killed and wounded. —— I ſhall take the earlieſt opportunity of forwarding a return of the guns and ſtores found here. I take a pleaſure in aſſuring you that the conduct of the officers and troops, during the ſiege, equalled my moſt ſanguine expectations, and that they exerted themſelves with the greateſt cheerfulneſs and alacrity.*

*I am uſing all the expedition poſſible to put this place in a ſtate of defence, and making every neceſſary preparation to move towards Dindigul,* which I am certain will be in our poſſeſſion in a very few days after my arrival before it.

*I received alſo from Colonel Fullarton a Letter of the ſame date, with his account of the taking of Caroor.* J. S. 1784.

## From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

### EXTRACT.

Caroor Camp, April 11, 1783.

" *I had the honour of writing to you on the 3d, informing you of the capture of the Fort, and*
" *of the circumſtances of this place. I have now to trouble you with this Letter, to acquaint you*
" *with ſome occurrences ſince that day. On the 6th, Colonel Lang called a council of war, to conſi-*
" *der of the meaſures to be followed in conſequence of a Letter he had received from the Preſidency.*
" *Although the proceedings of that Council will of courſe be diſpatched to you by Colonel Lang, yet*

" *I think*

did not ſay ſo in the Committee, that he propoſes ſailing about the 2d of next month.

All the ſtores and articles * to be ſent for your Army are ready on the beach to be ſhipped without a moment's delay, except ſuch articles as are already afloat, either in the ſhips which are deſtined to carry them, or others, from whence they are eaſily tranſhipped.

Notwithſtanding of the ſeveral veſſels which the Admiral allows for this occaſion, we have determined to ſend, if you ſhall approve of it, *the Reſolution*, being a copper-bottomed and a faſt-ſailing ſhip, with rice and other articles to Pondicherry, in caſe they ſhould be wanted

* This probably relates to the paper N° 1. p. 17. See alſo note *, p. 195.



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" *I think it my duty to tranſmit a copy of it for your information, which I ſhall ſend to Cochrane* " *at Negapatam, encloſed in this Letter. I do this to guard againſt any accidents of miſcarriage;* " *for there are ſo many of the enemy's horſe between this and Trichinopoly, that the communication is* " *extremely uncertain.—By theſe proceedings you will ſee the opinion which the Council formed,* " *and the documents on which it was founded.*"

" *I underſtand that Colonel Lang means to march to-morrow morning, I believe, to Dindigul.* " *He will be obliged to leave* 60 *or* 70 *Europeans ſick and wounded in this place. Fevers prevail* " *among the men very much, but are now beginning to abate. Captain Champneſs died yeſterday.*"

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## REMARKS.

*The council of war above referred to, was held the* 6th *of April* 1783, *near Caroor.—The members were Colonel Lang commanding the force to the ſouthward, Lieutenant Colonels Fullarton and Forbes of his Majeſty's troops, and Captains Macleod and Tanner in the Company's ſervice.*

*Colonel Lang laid before them a Letter from Brigadier General Mathews to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, dated January* 26, 1783, *alſo a Letter from the Select Committee to him (C. L.) of the* 7th *of March, where B. G. M.'s ſituation, on the* 26th *of January, is repreſented, with* their *apprehenſions of difficulties that would occur to take off his attention to the* main *object he had in view, namely,* the getting poſſeſſion of Mangalore; *and the Select Committee therefore deſire C. L. to co-operate ſo far as was practicable to diſtract Tippoo's operations againſt Mathews; or if C. L. thought fit to remain in the Tanjore country, he might detach Lieutenant Colonel Fullarton with a force* inland *for that purpoſe.*



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by the troops while in that * neighbourhood, and from whence they will proceed further as you may direct. We ſhall alſo, if you deſire it, ſend a veſſel with rice to Sadras, being in the neighbourhood of Chingleput.

Theſe precautions are ſuggeſted to us by the ſtrong deſire we feel that no poſſible delay in the tranſports getting to the ſouthward would induce you † to think it neceſſary to fall back with the Army. We requeſt you will communicate to us immediately your ſentiments, as to ſending rice to Pondicherry and Sadras.

* See p. 57. 60. alſo Remarks from p. 112, why I fixed on *Conjimeer* as the only proper place to land rice for our immediate uſe, until I knew of the ſtore and proviſion ſhips being at their ſtation ſouth of Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

† This ſhews, as I think, clearly the *agreed* conſtruction put upon the repeated expreſſions in my Letters, of uneaſineſs about the poſſible delay of Com. Haliday's convoy ſailing, and my determination to take poſt at Atcherywauke and Permacoil, until they had got on to their ſtation ſouth of Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

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*There was likewiſe laid before the Council another Letter from B. G. M. to the Preſident Lord Macartney*, dated Mangalore, 9th of March, *and forwarded by Mr. J. Sulivan to Colonel Lang, giving the particulars of the ſurrender of Mangalore;—in which Letter B. G. M. adds theſe words:*

☞ "*I beg leave to inform your Lordſhip, that by the number of places that have been taken by* "*our Arms on this ſide of India, my force is ſo much reduced, that I cannot collect* for the Field "*ſix hundred Europeans, and three thouſand Sepoys,—a party too ſmall to cover ſuch extenſive* "*conqueſts, much leſs to make head againſt the enemy on the other ſide of the mountains, or to* "*attempt any further progreſs towards Seringapatam. I am in great danger of loſing great* "*part of what I have gained, and muſt requeſt*, that if you can ſpare me any of the Com- ☞ "pany's troops, you will ſend them without loſs of time."

*The council of war entered then on the examination of the number of troops in the field, and in the ſouthern garriſons, alſo on the meaſures neceſſary to anſwer the views of Government as communicated in their Letter of the 6th of March.—The whole was drawn up in* 10 *heads,—the 4th of which mentions, "that the Army in the field in its then ſtate (April 6th), was not "ſufficient to carry the intentions of the Preſident and Select Committee into execution, far leſs "to cope with Tippoo's Army."*

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We underſtand that a conſiderable quantity of treaſure for the public ſervice is arrived here from Bengal, under the charge of Sir Eyre Coote; but his extreme illneſs has no doubt prevented us from receiving hitherto any account of it, or of any diſpatches through him from the Preſidency of Bengal; however as the public exigencies are not only great but very preſſing, as there is no money in our treaſury, and as Sir Eyre Coote's recovery is not likely to be immediate, we have directed our Secretary to make enquiry concerning the diſpatch and treaſure from Bengal. We are anxious to ſend money to your Army without delay, as well as every other ſupply for its own wants, and for accompliſhing the purpoſe of the expedition.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.

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*The other articles went to the mode of reinforcing the Southern Army,* by drawing the chief part of the Southern garriſons into the field, *and offering a plan of (afterwards) carrying the ſeat of war* inland *into the enemy's country, and ſtating the* reports *of magazines to be found there.*

*The following queſtion was then put to the Council of war by Colonel Lang:*

"*Whether you think that by the reinforcement you now think neceſſary to draw from Tanjore, "Madura, and Palamcotta, this Army would be able to cope with Tippoo's whole force, or not?*" *And, upon their anſwer to the* negative, *C. L. gives as his opinion, namely,*

"*That as the Army could not be reinforced in ſuch a manner as to cope with Tippoo's whole "force, he can anſwer the intentions of the Select Committee, without drawing ſuch a number of "troops from the different garriſons (as five battalions) without riſking the Southern Provinces, "or the collections of crop or revenue, provided he can find proviſions, and takes it upon himſelf "to do it.*"

*This, I believe, is the ſubſtance of what paſſed at the Council of War above alluded to; and two obſervations did naturally occur to me.*

*Firſt,* That the Letter of Government, March 6th, urged the immediate movement of the Southern Force *inland,* chiefly on the ſuppoſition of Mangalore not being then in our poſſeſſion, whereas the contrary then appeared from B. G. M.'s Letter of March 9th.

*P. S.* We are ſorry to acquaint you, that we have this moment received the melancholy accounts of the death of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote.

We have written to Mr. Cochrane to the purport you deſire, with regard to the providing grain and Maſſulah boats.

[Encloſure in the preceding.]

*Fort St. George, April* 26, 1783.

LIST of SHIPS allotted by the Admiral to attend the Army.

*Iſis* 50. *San Carlos* 44. *Active* 32. *Nayade* 20. *Chaſer* 18.
Pondicherry armed tranſport.
Minerva and Harriet ditto.
*All coppered.*
(As faſt as they can be got ready.)

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*Secondly*, That in the fair conſtruction of the words, and conſidering his ſituation locally, *B. G. M.'s immediate expectations of aſſiſtance from the Company's troops, was meant by him to be* by ſea.

*Colonel Lang, after this council of war (without augmenting his field force), proceeded againſt the country forts, and carried them all on his way to Dindigul; which laſt place fell to him* the 4th of May *without difficulty. Colonel Lang's view was thus evidently to ſecure our own frontier, and every thing within it, and immediately thereafter to join and co-operate with me in the great national object of carrying Cuddalore and all the French force, which I have every reaſon to think would have been the caſe, had he continued in the command.*—*See his Letter, page* 135. J. S. 1784.

REMARKS.

*In the end of September* 1782, *it was reſolved in Committee, to ſend a detachment of his Majeſty's troops to the ſouthward, to reinforce the corps under Colonel Lang acting in the Tanjore country.—Lieutenant Colonel Fullarton was appointed* by me *to command the detachment, and thereby became ſecond to Colonel Lang.*

*It was my way on every ſuch occaſion to give* inſtructions, *and to explain to the commanding officer the nature of the ſervice he was going upon, and ſtating* my *wiſhes as to the plan of operations,*

## * From the Preſident, Lord MACARTNEY, to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, April* 30, 1783.

MR. Davidſon being ill in the country, and no Committee held to-day, I take up the pen to acknowledge the receipt of your three Letters, the laſt of which bears date yeſterday. Encloſed I ſend you a copy of the Admiral's Letter, which I have this moment received, together with his inſtructions to Captain Halliday. We have been obliged to employ all our boats to *complete the* † *watering* and equipment of the ſquadron; whoſe movement to the ſouthward muſt precede our operations.

* This Letter is ſuppoſed to be the Anſwer to mine of the 26th, 27th, and 28th of April, p. 39. 56, and 60. J. S. 1784.

† It is moſt eſſential here to obſerve, that by the words, "to complete the watering "of the ſquadron," and by every collateral information on that ſubject, I had formed my fixed opinion, *and acted upon it*, "That Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes's ſquadron "had ſailed from Madras Roads the 2d or 3d of May with *three* months water on board." See note †, p. 192. J. S. 1784.

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☞ *rations*, where not militating againſt the poſitive orders of Government.—*In this way I gave inſtructions to Lieutenant Colonel Fullarton the 27th of September* 1782 *in* 18 *Articles; the* 16*th and* 17*th of which were as follows:*

ART. 16. "*You are not to detach or move any part of his Majeſty's Troops, now under your "orders, out of the bounds of the Carnatic.—I mean, that they are not to be employed in any "expedition or enterprize* beyond the Ghauts or Paſſes to the weſtward, *upon any invi- "tation or expedition whatever, without my orders, on the requiſition of Government for that "purpoſe.*"

ART. 17. "*After having given you this outline, I leave it to your prudence, and again re- "commend it ſtrongly, not to impede the ſervice by unneceſſary objections, ariſing from this "diſtinction of the King's Troops.—The opinion that I entertain of you, and that you will "ſoon, from your turn of mind, acquire all the local knowledge neceſſary,* induced me to re- "commend you for this command.—*It is the moſt important ſituation you can be placed by "your rank at this criſis; and I have the firmeſt hope, that you will do credit to the recom- "mendation, by eſſential ſervices on the occaſion.*"

*Objections*

By the Admiral's Letter, you ſee that he is to ſail on Friday.—Not a moment ſhall be loſt, and not a boat ſhall be employed but in forwarding the preſent expedition, which I have more at heart than I can expreſs! The Reſolution ſhall proceed to Conjimeer with rice, as you deſire; then the three ſtore-ſhips and the men of war as faſt as they can be got ready.—It will, I fear, be the middle of next week before they will ſail; but being all coppered I hope they will get up to the place of their deſtination in five days from the time of their ſailing. From what Captain Wemyſs told me, the *Reſolution*, I think, will be much ſooner with you. In the mean time the Cooleys will be kept conſtantly going to Chingleput.

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*Objections having been made by Lord Macartney, and the other Members of Select Committee, to any particular reſtrictions independant of Colonel Lang,—an alteration in the inſtructions conſequently took place, and in the following manner:*

EXTRACT of Minutes of the Select Committee, 27th September, 1782.

"*Agreed that a requiſition be made to Major General Stuart, that* 300 *of his Majeſty's "Troops be ſent to the ſouthward; and that the officer who may command them be put under "the orders of Colonel Roſs Lang, the officer commanding there.*"

I wrote to Lieutenant Colonel Fullarton (in conſequence), as follows:

SIR, Fort St. George, Saturday, September 28, 1782.

*The Government, in their Minute of yeſterday, having thought proper to ſignify by requiſition to me, that you, or the officer commanding the detachment of his Majeſty's Troops employed to the ſouthward, ſhould be put under the orders of Colonel Lang; and exceptions being made to certain limitations in your inſtructions from me, I am now to acquaint you, that notwithſtanding what is contained in the Articles* 11*th and* 16*th, or any where elſe, controlling the deſtination of the detachment, you are nevertheleſs to obey Colonel Lang, and take your orders from him in ſame manner as if ſuch exceptions had not been there mentioned.—The Government, which gives the orders to Colonel Lang, taking upon themſelves the reſponſibility; and I, for my own part, judging it better thus to give up to the wiſh of this Government my own ſeparate opinion and powers in reſpect to the employment of the detachment, on certain caſes mentioned in your Inſtructions.*

Lieut. Col. Fullarton, commanding the detachment of his Majeſty's Troops, &c. (Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

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I have written again to Captain Edmonds, and to Campbell at Nellore for ſlaughter-cattle, and if Edmonds is ſucceſsful, a good ſupply may be expected from thence; but beſides, I am informed by a Letter which I have ſeen from Vellore, that they have plenty of cattle there, and likely to procure more. I have written to Captain Cuppage to collect all he can, and to write to you for inſtructions how to diſpoſe of them, ſo as that they may reach you in ſafety.—You will be ſo good as to write to Vigors at *Tripaſore*, and to Orr at the *Mount*, upon the ſubject. I am now to write upon the main point, *money*; 20,000 Pagodas will be delivered to-morrow morning to Sydenham to forward to you, and all that I can beg or borrow in addition ſhall follow. I hope to make up the ſum you want; but I ſhall not content myſelf with that, but ſend the double if I can procure it. It is a hard caſe that five lack of Rupees ſhould have come in the Reſolution for the public ſervice; but being directed to Sir Eyre Coote, we cannot touch a farthing of it, though every means have been employed to get it for you.—There are five lacks more on the *San Carlos*, which we expect every day; but it is in the ſame predicament as thoſe which came in the Reſolution. Mr. Arthur Cuthbert gave notice to Sir Eyre Coote's family before he was buried, that a lack of Rupees was due to the Admiral by Sir Eyre Coote; and, as he heard of the money brought from Bengal, he thought it right to give notice of his demand, in order to prevent the neceſſity of a law-ſuit.—Not to enter further into the matter, the end of the ſtory is, that we can't get at the money, which, at ſuch a criſis as this, might be attended with the diſappointment of our faireſt hopes, if I were not determined to riſk almoſt every thing to ſupply your Army. Be ſo good as to tell me whether you would have me ſend the reſt of the money to Chingleput, or by the men of war. I ſhall ſend you 97 fine Bengal Artillery-men in addition to the 600 Hanoverians, or more *, together with General Bruce and Baron Wangenheim.

* All this of the Artillery-men and the Hanoverians, had been *before* ſettled by me.—See p. 48. 58.

Your private Letters will probably have informed you of the news from Bengal of the 9th inſtant, which contains the reſolutions of the Directors and Proprietors relative to that Government; I have no Letters upon it myſelf, but I fancy ſome of the detachment from thence, now at Camp, are acquainted with it.—I think I have run through all the parts it was neceſſary to write upon at preſent. You will hear from us again on Friday.

I have nothing to add, *but that the moment the Admiral gets to his*
N. B. ☞ *ſtation, there are the beſt hopes of* * *your operations being ſucceſsful.*

You may rely upon every exertion in the power of this Government to aſſiſt them.

I am, with great truth, &c.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

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† From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 2, 1783.

THE Admiral ſailed this day to the ſouthward; every engine was immediately put in motion for expediting the ſupplies for your Army, and I think, according to the beſt of my information, the ſtore-

☞ * This ſentence of itſelf, when compared with my uniform opinions communicated to Government, affords, as I think, as poſitive proof as can be given from the nature of the ſubject, of its being at the time on *all* ſides an underſtood point, " That our land operations (if to " be ſucceſsful at Cuddalore), were to keep pace with, and even to be preceded by, the " arrival of the *Admiral*'s ſquadron, and alſo the convoy of proviſions and ſtores under " *Commodore Haliday*, each at their reſpective ſtations."

The movements of the Army conſequently kept time, becauſe the *former* did not come in ſight of Trincomalee till near the end of May; and the earlieſt accounts I received of
☞ it was from the Admiral's Letter to Mr. Cochrane, dated off Point Pedro, June 3d.—And the *latter* (C. Haliday) anchored ſouth of Cuddalore on the 7th of June, the very day I came to my ultimate ſtation *there* with the Army. See *Remarks* fronting p. 112.

J. S. 1784.

† This Letter fixes the date (May 2d) of the Admiral's ſailing. J. S. 1784.

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ſhips * will be ready to proceed about Thurſday or Friday next at fartheſt; the *Reſolution* will be ready, I hope, ſooner; and her Commander expects ſhe will arrive at *Conjimeer* † within three days from the time of her departure. I ſhall write to you more particularly to-morrow, and endeavour to ſend you a detail of the whole arrangement.

The only delay that I can foreſee, ſeems to ariſe from the Hanoverians, who, as I learn from Sir John Burgoyne, are not ſo forward as might be wiſhed, but I truſt that they will nevertheleſs be in good time.

Not having been able to get at the money that came from Bengal, and being determined to aſſiſt you by every poſſible means, we have opened our treaſury to receive caſh for bills, at 365 days, upon the Court of Directors.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

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## From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY), to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 5, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that the Reſolution will be ready to ſail on Wedneſday next, and I flatter myſelf will arrive at Conjimeer on Saturday at fartheſt. The Active will convoy her, and diſplay a ſignal, as *per* incloſed Letter to me from Captain Haliday, which I now ſend to you for your information. The Reſolution

* Commodore Haliday, with the Iſis and ſtore ſhips, did not ſail from Madras Road until the 14th of May. J. S. 1784.

† The Reſolution with rice for our immediate ſuſtenance, did not arrive at Conjimeer until the night of May 13. See p. 101. J. S. 1784.

will carry 1300 bags of gram, between 6000 and 7000 bags of rice, 300 barrels of muſquet ammunition, 90 artillery-men with one commiſſioned officer to their corps.

The three tranſports, Minerva, Harriet, and Pondicherry, are getting ready as faſt as poſſible, and I think will be diſpatched under convoy of the Iſis, &c. on Friday or Saturday next. They will * proceed to the Southward of Cuddalore, as you deſire, where they will receive your inſtructions. I beg leave to mention to you, that there are on board the Reſolution four iron 18 pounders on truck-carriages belonging to the Company, which were put on board at Bengal for the defence of the ſhip: in caſe you ſhould want them, you will give orders for landing them at Conjimeer.

As ſoon as you have unloaded the Reſolution, you will be ſo good as to ſend her back to us, that we may return her to you with rice again without delay, as ſhe is a very roomy ſhip, and ſails better than any on the coaſt.

To put your ſupplies beyond a poſſibility of failing, I mean to propoſe diſpatching one of the Indiamen with rice to Cuddalore, over and above what goes in the Reſolution and the tranſports. I ſend you 20,000 Pagodas in the Reſolution; and ſhall forward to you, by the Iſis, all the money I can collect—50,000 at leaſt; but more if we are ſucceſsful in getting money for our bills.

The money from Bengal, that came by Sir Eyre Coote, is in *ſtatu quo*, and might as well be in Bengal ſtill, for we cannot get at it.

The Hound ſloop arrived here on Saturday, from England. She left Portſmouth the 13th October, in company with Sir Hyde Parker in the Cato. They parted on the 28th December in 33° 28′ S. lat. and

* They ſailed the 14th May, and arrived ſouth of Cuddalore the 7th of June.

J. S. 1784.
13° W.

13° W. longitude. There are no tidings of the latter; and it is feared ſhe is loſt.

Captain Whyte of the Hound told me, that eight ſail of the line were to follow him ſoon to India, under the command of Captain *Kingſmill*, whom he ſpoke to the day he left Portſmouth. You will hear from the Committee to-morrow.

I am, with great truth, &c.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

[Encloſure in the preceding.]

*Iſis*, *May* 4, 1783.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HALIDAY commanding his Majeſty's Ship *Iſis*, to Lord MACARTNEY, K. B. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

IF agreeable to your Lordſhip, I have fixed on a yellow flag to be hoiſted at the fore-top-gallant-maſt-head of the Active, on their arrival with the Army, which the General may anſwer with an Union-flag and a pendant over it.

(Signed) CHR. HALIDAY.

*N. B.* The Union and pendant to be hoiſted on a flag-ſtaff.

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* From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George*, *May* 6, 1783.

MAJOR Charles Cathcart of his Majeſty's 98th regiment arrived here lately from Calcutta, and informed our Preſident of his having been appointed Quarter-maſter-general of the King's troops

* See the Anſwer to this Letter, p. 95, 96.

by Sir Eyre Coote, and of his intention to proceed to the Army * in that capacity. We underſtand alſo, by private report, that another officer, now on his way from Bengal, has been appointed Adjutant General of the King's troops, under the ſame authority.

We think it proper, therefore, to inform you, that having referred to Sir Eyre Coote's commiſſion (of which we poſſeſs an official copy, and now encloſe a tranſcript thereof), we do not find that he had any power either expreſſed or implied to make ſuch appointments.

Our Army is compoſed jointly of his Majeſty's and the Company's troops, and the poſts of Quarter-maſter-general and Adjutant-general are already filled by Company's officers, and have been ſo from the commencement of the war. If there are any exceptions to the abilities or the conduct of thoſe officers, we are ready to hear them, and, if well founded, to appoint other officers in their room; but without ſuch exceptions, we think it would be extremely unjuſt to diſplace them: and we need not inform you, that to one Army there can be but one Quarter-maſter-general, and one Adjutant-general. But could the cuſtom of the ſervice admit of two, we ſhould not think ourſelves authoriſed to burthen the Company with ſo much additional expence.

We are much concerned, therefore, that it is not in our power to acquieſce in the appointments in queſtion, being perfectly convinced of the merit of the gentlemen on whom they have been conferred.

As you have expreſſed a deſire to have the aſſiſtance of Major General Bruce, we have required General Sir John Burgoyne, the ſenior King's officer now here, to direct him to proceed † with Colonel Wangenheim

* See my Anſwer to this Letter in what relates to Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart and the King's troops, p. 95, 96; alſo as to the Q. M. G. and A. G. of the E. I. C.'s troops. J. S. 1784.

† I had ſettled this reinforcement of 600 of his Majeſty's Electoral troops, before I left the Preſidency. J. S. 1784.

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and the detachment of his Majeſty's and the Company's troops now about to embark for the ſouthward.

As ſoon as we can poſſibly find time, we ſhall take into conſideration the report of Meſſrs. Hollond and Mowbray on the Army grain accounts*; in the meanwhile we have reſolved to diſallow every charge made by the Army grain-keeper for gunny bags, which we conſider as totally irregular and unwarrantable, the gunny bags being as much the property of the Company as the rice they contain, and the charging of either equally unjuſt to them. Captain Hearſey, it ſeems, quotes the verbal orders of the Commander in Chief in ſupport of this charge; but no *written* orders from the Commander in Chief, or from Government itſelf, could authoriſe a charge of ſuch a nature.

We think it right to communicate to you our ſentiments on this ſubject; and we earneſtly requeſt your concurrence and aſſiſtance in our endeavours to effect a reduction in the enormous expences of the Army, which otherwiſe it is impoſſible for us much longer to ſupport.

We have already obſerved to you that it muſt be in the power of the Commander in Chief to render the moſt eſſential ſervice to his employers in this reſpect; and we requeſt that you will point out to us how this important object can be attained, and whatſoever meaſures and arrangements you are of opinion will contribute towards it.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEXR. DAVIDSON.
MR. WILLIAMS.

* I don't know what was here meant, concerning the Army accounts and gunny bags, as it was well known to Lord M. &c. that I never had any thing to do with job or perquiſite of any ſort; and the *ſpontaneous* orders from me for the controlling and leſſening every Army expence are on public record from the moment I came to the command, and as far back as October 1782. I never gave orders, either written or verbal, to warrant the taking or the filling of bags under any name with the Army. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 7, 1783.

OUR President communicated to you, in his Letter of the 30th *ult.* and 2d and 5th inſtant, our proceedings and determinations relative to the ſupplies of our Army, under your command, together with ſuch other particulars as you might be deſirous or intereſted to know. We are now to inform you, that the Active frigate and the Reſolution will ſail this day for Conjimeer: on board the firſt are about 72 convaleſcents and ſix officers.

The artillery-men lately arrived from Bengal, whom our Preſident informed you, in his Letter of the 30th of April, it was intended to reinforce you with, are embarked in the Reſolution, which alſo carries 7000 bags of rice, 1300 bags of horſe-gram, and 300 barrels of muſket-ammunition.

The diſtribution of the other troops will be as follows:

| | Ships. | Privates. | Officers. | |
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| On board the | Iſis | 120 | 6 | including Gen. Bruce |
| | Chaſer | 50 | 5 | |
| | Pondicherry | 230 | 15 | including Baron Wangenheim. |
| | Harriett | 100 | 4 | |
| | Minerva | 100 | 4 | |
| | | 600 | 34 | |

Theſe will proceed † as ſoon as they are ready, which we imagine will be about Saturday next, to the ſouthward of Cuddalore, as you deſired. The ſtore-ſhips will carry, to the utmoſt extent of their tonnage, the different articles which you have indented for, in their proper

* See my Anſwer to this Letter, p. 88, 89. J. S. 1784.

† This convoy did not arrive ſouth of Cuddalore until the 7th of June. J. S. 1784.

proportions, and the remainder will be ſent, without delay, by another conveyance.

We have ordered to be provided and ſent as many Maſſula-boats as could poſſibly be ſtowed on board the different veſſels; and Letters have been written to Mr. Cochrane to procure more in his neighbourhood.

There are but two flat-bottomed boats in the ditch of this fort; and they are much too large to be ſent: Major Maule informs us that there is not ſufficient time to have ſmaller ones made.

We forward to you a ſupply of caſh, 20,000 Pagodas, by the Reſolution, which we think a ſafer conveyance than by eſcort to Chingleput, to which place we ſent you 20,000 Pagodas on the 1ſt inſtant, the receipt of which at the Army has not yet been acknowledged. By the convoy under the Iſis we ſhall ſend you a farther ſupply; but we have much to lament, upon this occaſion, the unfortunate impropriety of the Bengal government having conſigned the money intended for the public ſervice to the late Sir Eyre Coote, inſtead of this Preſidency, as by this means we are deprived, at this moſt critical juncture, of a reſource, which, with every poſſible exertion, we are much afraid it will ſcarcely be in our power to replace.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEXR DAVIDSON.
MN WILLIAMS.

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## From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 7, 1783.

WE have received your two Letters, dated the 3d inſtant, incloſing copies of General Orders, one relative to the bullocks of the Army, and the other to Ragoram Pundit, the Amuldar whom we had directed to proceed to his ſtation.

We do not think fit to enter into any diſcuſſion * with you, upon the ſubject of the acts and reſolutions of the Select Committee, which you are bound to obey; but we muſt tell you once for all, that, with reſpect to your ſeat, our proceedings being founded on the ſpecial orders of the Court of Directors †, it is highly unbecoming of you to ſtart a doubt of their legality.

All the other points ‡ of your Letters have been fully anſwered in our diſpatch of this morning by the Reſolution.

We muſt obſerve here, that you have not ſent to us the Copies of your Letters to Colonel Lang §, nor of your other correſpondence, which we deſired you to communicate to us. We muſt requeſt that you will tranſmit it to us without delay; and hope that, in matters of this kind, it will not be again neceſſary to remind you.

We are, &c.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX$^{R}$ DAVIDSON.
M$^{N}$ WILLIAMS.

*P. S.* We now diſpatch 10,000 Pagodas to Chingleput.

* See my Letter, p. 65. J. S. 1784.

† See Correſpondence with L. G. Sir Eyre Coote, p. 41 to 44. J. S. 1784.

‡ See my Letter to Select Committee, p. 66, where they are with certainty informed of the *agreed* plan to remain near Permacoil, and to be ſupplied from Conjimeer until Commodore Haliday's convoy had got on to their deſtination ſouth of Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

§ See page 90 to 93. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From the Preſident, Lord MACARTNEY, to Major General STUART.

(PRIVATE.)

*Fort St. George, May* 10, 1783.

OUR public Letter will have conveyed to you the ſentiments of the Committee with reſpect to a diſtinct ſtaff for his Majeſty's troops. If there were no other reaſon (but there are many very ſtrong ones), the new expence to the Company would be alone ſufficient. Not however to dwell upon a point already decided, I muſt expreſs my concern that an officer whom I reſpect and regard ſo much as I do Colonel Cathcart, ſhould experience any diſappointment. I ſhall eſteem myſelf happy to find an opportunity, conſiſtently with the rules of conduct which govern me, to promote his wiſhes, and ſhew him every mark of attention. Were Colonel Davis to reſign his employ, I ſhould moſt willingly uſe my beſt endeavours that Colonel Cathcart ſhould ſucceed him as Quartermaſter-general, without any diſtinction whatſoever of King's or Company's troops; which diſtinction, in my opinion, ought ever to be avoided as much as poſſible.

I have always held the ſame opinions upon this ſubject; and as they were not taken up upon ſlight grounds, I think nothing is likely to change them, but my being better taught from home. I can have no improper motives to ſway my judgment in matters of this kind, which, if it could admit of a bias, would, from the line of life in which I have been bred, more eaſily take the other turn: but I look merely to the public ſervice, diveſted of every prejudice or partiality.

* See my Anſwer to this Letter, and note, p. 95. J. S. 1784.

Mr. Thompſon of the 98th ſeems very deſirous of joining the Army. He is ſtrongly recommended to me, and is highly deſerving of countenance and attention.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

*P. S.* We ſend you 10,000 Pagodas by this eſcort.

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## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 12, 1783.

YOUR Letters of the 6th and 8th inſtant have been received. The ſupply of ſlaughter-cattle which you mention has been very ſeaſonable; and it is to be hoped that more may be procured in the ſame manner from the enemy. To derive aſſiſtance from their reſources being a double advantage, which could be procured only by an early march towards the enemy. They have hitherto drawn reſources from Pondicherry and its neighbourhood; your arrival † there may therefore add to your ſupplies, and be an increaſe of their difficulties. The neceſſity of ſending rice from hence to Chingleput by land in large quantities is ſuperſeded by thoſe which are ſent by ſea to a more forward ſtation. We flatter ourſelves that the Active and Reſolution have reached you before this time, as alſo the ſupplies of caſh by land. The Reſolution carried 20,000 Pagodas; and 20,000, 10,000 and 10,000, in the whole 40,000 Pagodas more have been tranſmitted at different times to Chingleput; 40,000 Pagodas more are ready to be ſent by the Iſis, and will be put on board this night. This is all that it has as yet

* See my Letters, p. 75. 79. to which this is ſuppoſed to be an Anſwer. J. S. 1484.

† See Remarks fronting p. 112, parag. 3. J. S. 1784.

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been poſſible to procure, part of it being borrowed in ſmall ſums of 1500, 2000, 3000 Pagodas, and upon our Preſident's private notes. As to the five lacks of Rupees mentioned to you already, Colonel Owen has not conſented to deliver them to us. The other five lacks which arrived on Saturday in the San Carlos are ſtill on board; and the commander of her ſays, that they are to be delivered to Sir Eyre Coote or his order, and not to the Council; ſo that upon that ground they could never be delivered. We are however uſing our beſt endeavours to procure poſſeſſion of them. Whatever we receive is ſolely devoted to the military ſervice.

The convoys have not been ready ſo ſoon as there was reaſon to believe: however the Iſis, Chaſer, Herriott, and Pondicherry, together with the Ann and Amelia, will probably be ready to ſail to-morrow night; and, in the courſe of the week the San Carlos, Naiade, and Minerva will follow, as alſo the Morſe Indiaman. They will all proceed to the ſouthward of Cuddalore as you deſired, where you will contrive to communicate your inſtructions to them. Being to windward they will eaſily ſail down to ſuch place as you wiſh, in caſe you ſhould mean them to diſembark even to the northward of Cuddalore. The Commander of each convoy of ſupplies for your Army will hoiſt the ſame ſignal as was ordered for the Active, viz. a yellow flag at the fore-top-gallant-maſt-head, which you will pleaſe to anſwer with an Union-flag, and a Pendant over it. The Union and Pendant to be hoiſted on a flag-ſtaff.

Two deſerters arrived here a few days ſince, and two more yeſterday. The accounts of the two latter is, that they belonged to the detachment on the Red Hills, which conſiſted of 200 or 300 Europeans, and above half of them ſick, not a great many Sepoys, and very few horſe. The two former deſerters gave nearly the ſame account; but ſuch people muſt be indifferent judges of numbers. They had fallen in with

with the camp, and ſaid you could not have leſs than 30,000 fighting men.

We obſerve, that though we wrote to you on the 26th day of laſt month to ſend us copies of the Letters or Orders you had already tranſmitted to Colonel Lang or Commanding Officer of the Southern Army, and of ſuch others as you ſhould thereafter write; and we afterwards repeated the ſame to you in our Letter of the 7th inſtant *, yet you have not ſent us any ſuch copies; though it appears, by your Letter of the 6th inſtant, that you had then already ſent Orders or Letters there: ſuch a conduct will reduce us to the neceſſity of *revoking the power we had given to you in relation to that Army, and of prohibiting the officer commanding it from paying any attention to your orders, unleſs confirmed by ours.* We are anſwerable for the movements of our Armies; and muſt be acquainted with them.

Incloſed we ſend you a copy of our Letter to Captain Haliday on the ſubject of his deſtination. We alſo ſend a Duplicate of our Preſident's Letter to M. Buſſy, relative to a cartel, which we deſire you will forward to him by a proper opportunity.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^r DAVIDSON.
M^r WILLIAMS.

*P. S.* We hope to ſend you 10,000 Pagodas more, equal to 50,000 ps. *per* Iſis.

* See on this ſubject my Letters to Select Committee, p. 90 to 93; alſo p. 109.
J. S. 1784.

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From

## * From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

*Carical, May* 10, 1783.

I DID myſelf the honour of writing to you yeſterday † on the ſubject of the Warrior-pollam and Arrialore Pollygars, who have declared for us, and taken Cowle.

The copies of M. Buſſy's Letters which now go to you in Mr. Cochran's packet, will prove the importance of ſupporting thoſe Pollygars;

* This Letter was received by me May 15-16. See my Anſwer of that date, p. 106, 107, wherein I mention that I congratulate Mr. S. on the ſurrender of Dindigul, and that I looked hourly for the Southern Army coming towards me. J. S. 1784.

† I cannot find among my papers the copy of the Letter here mentioned. Theſe Warrior-pollam people never gave me any aſſiſtance. J. S. 1784.

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N. B. *In the end of November* 1782, *it was then agreed in Committee, that a further reinforcement, chiefly of the King's Troops, ſhould be ſent to the ſouthward to join Colonel Lang.—Lieut. Col. Forbes was recommended by me to that command*; *I gave him my inſtructions in writing*; *and, as he wiſhed to know my own ſentiments on what was expected from the ſouthern operations in the then ſtate of affairs*, I gave him my opinion againſt all inland expeditions to the weſtward; *and foretold the deception in the intelligence or expectation of aſſiſtance from Trimulrow, who called himſelf the agent of the (ſuppoſed) Ranah of Myſore* (with whom a treaty was made by Lord Macartney, &c.), and wiſhing to have nothing ſecret, I deſired Lieut. Col. Forbes to make notes of what I ſaid, and repeated in the preſence of Major Bruce, who went with him to command at Trichinopoly, deſiring that theſe my ſentiments might be communicated to* Colonel Lang, Colonel Fullarton, and Mr. J. Sulivan; *which (by my intelligence) was done by Lieut. Col. Forbes, ſoon after his arrival in the Tanjore Country in December.*

J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From M. Gen. Stuart to Mr. B. Cochrane, Fort St. George, March 25, 1783. (Communicated to Col. Fullarton April 14-15.)

*This day two French line of battle, and two frigates gaſconaded in the roads. The Medea ſailed out, and, I hope, will be in time to warn the General of his danger.—We ſuppoſe he will have ſailed the* 11*th or* 12*th inſtant.—The Dutch prize to the Medea, moſt ridiculouſly, through fear or bad management, run on ſhore.*

*Our Army is repleniſhing, after throwing rice and battering guns into Vellore.—We ſhall go forward to the French, let their numbers be what they may, and* in time effect a junction

* See Extracts, p. 173, 174, 175; alſo my Minute in Com. Nov. 16, 1782. J. S. 1784.

for if they are upheld, no proviſions can be thrown into Cuddalore, and their want is ſtrongly expreſſed by Monſ. Buſſy. I do not trouble you with Duplicates of thoſe diſpatches, but *I incloſe them in a note to the Admiral*, leſt an accident ſhould happen to Mr. Cochrane's * large packet. Enſign Clarke has had great merit in boarding the boat and ſeizing upon thoſe papers: his priſoners are ſafe at Negapatam; 7 Europeans and 7 Caffreys; he boarded with 16 Sepoys, &c.

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

* The copy of M. Buſſy's intercepted Letter here alluded to, was received by me from Mr. Cochrane. See correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Hughes, p. 11. N° 2.
J. S. 1784.

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to the ſouthward.—*We know every thing of M. Buſſy at Cuddalore, and I am happy they have thrown their die thus.—The four French ſhips went in chace of the Medea, but I gueſs to no purpoſe.—Farewel! make Extracts of public news from this, and ſend it to Mr. Sulivan and Colonel Lang, &c.—Don't enter into diſputes on any account.*

(Signed) JAM$^{s}$ STUART.

P. S. *We are in hopes that the General will not leave Bengal until he hears of Sir Edward being on the coaſt, and that Colonel Lang will have taken and deſtroyed Caroor before that time.—The Government all agree in opinion on the demolition of Caroor after it is taken.* (Signed) J. S.

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EXTRACT.

From Col. Fullarton to Mr. B. Cochrane, Camp near Dindigul, May 4, 1783.

*I had the pleaſure of yours of the 14th and 15th April, and am much mortified to find that you have not received the proceedings of the council of war, which I moſt undoubtedly ſent to you encloſed in my Letter of the 11th April.—On receiving yours I again looked through the Papers in my box, and queſtioned the man who copies for me.—We agree that the proceedings were ſent, but as you have not received them*, I ſend another copy encloſed. Our communication with Trichinopoly has been very precarious, which prevented me from writing to you ſo frequently as I wiſhed. I encloſe to you a Letter for General Stuart, which you will be pleaſed to open, and forward the contents. I meant to have ſent the Letter to General Stuart by two Hircarrahs, who I have detained for ſome time with me, imagining that they belonged to the General; finding my miſtake, I encloſe them to you. I ſhall to-morrow ſend you a ſtate of the ſtores, &c. found in the place, and a deſcription of affairs in this part of the country. We have an awkward ſtory here, that Tippoo has beat Mathews†, and retaken Bidenore. Pray is it really ſo? write me what you know of it. Colonel Lang means to give the command here to Captain Macleod.*

* See Abſtract of the Proceedings. J. S 1784.

† The news of the paſſes leading to Bidenore being carried by Tippoo, might have been known then at Dindigul, as it happened (by M. Coſſigny's Letter) the 13th of April. See alſo Extract 2, p. 224. J. S. 1784.

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## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Camp, near Dindigul, May 4, 1783.*

I HAD the honour of your very obliging Letter of *the 29th March, and immediately ſhewed it to Colonel Lang.* It gives me the higheſt ſatisfaction to hear that ſo great an object as you mention is in agitation; for I am ſure it muſt redound as much to your honour, as it will promote the public intereſt; and no one is more anxious for both than myſelf. I take it for granted that Colonel Lang has informed you fully concerning the points you recommend † to him.

The difficulty of ſending proper Harcarrahs to go from hence to Madras, and the hopes of being able to give you ſome agreeable intelligence, induced me to detain your Harcarrahs; and I have now the pleaſure to inform you that we have this day taken poſſeſſion of Dindigul. We encamped before the place the 2d, erected a battery and breached the lower fort yeſterday; and this morning entered the breach without much reſiſtance ‡. The Killedar immediately aſked for quarter, and offered to ſurrender the *upper* fort, if he and his followers were allowed to go off with their lives and arms. This was accepted. There are about 10 or 12 guns and a quantity of paddy in the place. Nothing elſe of conſequence. I ſhall ſend the particulars to Cochrane as ſoon as I collect them. I hope my Letters of the 4th and 10th of April have reached you.

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

* This Letter was received by me May 16th, and is ſuppoſed to be an Anſwer to my ☞ Letter of March 28th, (particularly here to be noticed.) See State of Facts, Appendix, N° 3. J. S. 1784.

† See this Letter, State of Facts, Appendix, N° 2. J. S. 1784.

‡ Concerning the ſurrender of Dindigul, ſee alſo Colonel Lang's Letters to the Select Committee, and to me, p. 134, 135, 136, and laſt parag. p. 354. J. S. 1784.

## * From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

*Carrical, May* 16, 1783.

LATE laſt night I had the honour of your Letter of the 5th, with one of the ſame date from Mr. Cloſe, tranſmitting the copy of a Letter from you to Colonel Fullarton.

If my diſpatches of the 9th and 10th ſhould have got ſafe they will have informed you that the Pollygars of Warrior-pollam and Arrialore had taken an active part in our favour, and that a conſiderable ſupply of cattle had been collected by them for your Army; but that the return of Seyd Sahib's party to the eaſtward made me apprehenſive thoſe Pollygars would be hard preſſed. I am happy to inform you that they have repulſed the enemy in ſeveral ſkirmiſhes; and that Seyd Sahib, deſpairing to make any impreſſion on their Pollams, has moved towards Cuddalore, leaving only a party of 200 horſe and 300 foot, with one ſmall gun, in the neighbourhood of Warrior-pollam. The Pollygars of that place can aſſemble from 4 to 5000 fighting men; and I hope his Vackeel has by this time concerted with you the means of conveying ſupplies to the Army. If you ſhould think it neceſſary for their greater ſecurity, the 9th battalion might proceed from Tanjore to join in the Pollams any detachment you may ſend there.

I have the pleaſure to tell you that Mr. Cochrane has exerted himſelf ſo ſucceſsfully that you may expect a conſiderable ſupply of rice by

* This Letter was received by me, May 20, and is ſuppoſed to be in anſwer to the joint Letters to Mr. Sulivan and Colonel Fullarton of May 5th (ſee p. 62, 63. 72, 73. 75, 76), in which I mention my expectations of the Southern force coming towards me, and acquaint them of the time when I might be at my ultimate ſtation ſouth of Cuddalore, keeping pace with our proviſion and ſtore-ſhips. See alſo Letter to Select Committee of May 5, p. 74, where I gave notice of my having thus wrote to Mr. J. S. and C. F.

J. S. 1784.

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boats from Nagore; ſo that *two* * of the objects for which you wiſhed the co-operation of the Southern Army will be better accompliſhed without its aſſiſtance, and we ſhall reſerve in our magazines of Trichinopoly and Tanjore the proviſions which the march of that Army towards Chillumbrum would neceſſarily have drawn from them; for none of the Pollygar countries could furniſh rice.

All theſe circumſtances conſidered, I am perſuaded you will think that the public will be benefited more by the *ſeparate* † *operations* of the Southern Army in the weſt, than it could poſſibly do by its proceeding againſt *Chillumbrum*, which muſt inevitably follow the fate of Cuddalore, and in which there does not now remain any thing that could be conſidered as a ſupply to your Army.

In this view of matters it ſeems fortunate that the Harcarrahs with your Letters have been long on the road, for none of them had reached Colonel Fullarton on the 13th; and as Dindigul, where he then was, is full 200 miles diſtant from Chillumbrum, it would not be poſſible for him to reach that place in leſs than twenty days †, within which time I have

* I am to repeat here that theſe Pollygars, neither directly nor indirectly, to my knowledge, gave the ſmalleſt aſſiſtance to our operations againſt Cuddalore; and I never heard of a Vackeel from them, neither did I derive any benefit from Tanjore detachments towards Chillumbrum; conſequently the ſuppoſition of any *one* object being gained, as mentioned in this Letter, is totally groundleſs. J. S. 1784.

† To avoid repetition, in anſwer to Mr. Sulivan's Letter, with *his* plan of operations, and *his* opinion of the diſtreſs of Cuddalore, and of what Colonel Fullarton ought to do, I muſt beg leave to refer to the *Remarks* fronting p. 112, alſo from 240 to 242; and indeed to the whole train of reaſoning from facts and circumſtances, to ſhew how unfortunate it has been that the *ſchemes* of Mr. Sulivan ſeem to have had more weight with the Select Committee of Fort St. George than *my* plans and repreſentations, communicated both to Colonel Fullarton and to the Government; becauſe, had my Letters to Colonel Fullarton been received in the common courſe of Tapal, and had had the weight I expected, the Colonel might have arrived from Dindigul to Trichinopoly in *eight* days, in which ſpace ☞ of time Colonel Stuart and Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſtone reſpectively marched their detachments in Auguſt and September 1783; and this would have brought it to the 18th of May. The conſequences of ſuch a movement are ſtated, p. 386, 387.——It was towards the Coleroon at Trichinopoly, and not *firſt* to Chillumbrum, that I wiſhed for the imme-

I have ſanguine hopes you will have reduced Cuddalore, already diſtreſſed for proviſions and ammunition, as you will have heard by Monſ. Buſſy's own Letters: I ſay this, even if Colonel Fullarton was to march the 16th; a circumſtance which appears to me every way improbable; for, as he is perfectly acquainted with the diſpoſition of the Pollygars on *this* ſide, and with the ſtate of our reſources, he will neceſſarily think himſelf bound * to carry the orders of the Committee into execution, by proceeding to the *weſtward*, where he has now full conviction that great and important advantages are to be obtained by him, if immediately purſued, but which muſt be loſt if he waits till the rains have ſwelled the rivers, as will happen in the next month.

The Chief of Tellicherry † informs me, under date the 11th *ult.* that the troops of Tippoo Sahib had taken poſſeſſion of Callicut, and were advanced within 15 miles of Tellicherry. That the major part of the garriſon of *Pallicatcherry* were *ſaid* to be with them; that, if the Southern Army ſhould poſſeſs itſelf of that place, it would reſtore peace and quietneſs to the coaſt, have a good effect on the *Malabars* in general, and open the communication between the two coaſts.

My Harcarrahs, who brought this Letter, left Callicut on the 17th April, where the enemy's force conſiſted of about 3000 foot and 700 horſe. They left Pallicatcherry the 23d; and ſaw there about 400 foot and 20 horſe. They heard that the ſtore of paddy and rice in

diate moving of the Southern Force after Colonel Fullarton ſucceeded to the Command, ☞ May 10; and my orders, *as I advanced*, would have found him at or near Trichinopoly, from whence he might have moved eaſtward to the coaſt, as the ſervice might have required. J. S. 1784.

* As to what Mr. S. repreſents concerning the Orders of the Select Committee, after C. F. had received the Letters of April 20th and 21ſt, ſee the note, p. 382. J. S. 1784.

† As to the Reſident's ſchemes of expeditions to Pallicatcherry or the weſtward, ſee Remarks, p. 240 to 242. J. S. 1784.

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the fort was very conſiderable. They paſſed through *Coimbatore* the 25th; and heard that there was about 600 foot and 150 horſe there; and that the paddy and rice in the fort did not exceed 10,000 cullums.

I relate theſe circumſtances that you may ſee how much Pallicatcherry is conſidered as the key of a communication, and what force may be brought to oppoſe our operations againſt that place and Coimbatore. The diſtance from Dindigul to the latter is little more than 80 miles, or to Pallicatcherry 100 miles. Daraporam lies nearly mid-way; and if it ſhould make oppoſition, we ſhall find a recompence in the ſtores and proviſions that may be taken in it. The road from thence is equally good either to Coimbatore or Pallicatcherry, whichever may ☞ be Colonel Fullarton's *firſt* object.

I tranſmit a copy of this Letter to Colonel Fullarton; and will do myſelf the honour of conveying to you every information I may receive from him.

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

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* From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Camp, at Dindigul, May* 12, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th April, incloſing or accompanying a Letter of the Select Committee, dated 20th April, directing me to aſſume the command of the Southern Forces; and likewiſe another Letter from the Select Committee, dated 21ſt of April, reſpecting ſuch part of the Southern

* This Letter was *firſt* received by me (as Duplicate) on the 23d of May (ſee my Letter to S. C. p. 129 to 132), and is ſuppoſed to be an Anſwer to that of April 28th to C. F. See p. 52 to 54. J. S. 1784.

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troops as *you may find it neceſſary to order to join your Army * for the reduction of Cuddalore.*

Much as I regret the loſs of Sir Eyre Coote, mentioned in your Letter, I am happy to congratulate you, as well as the public, on the eminent effect which your ſituation and endowments enable you to produce, on the great ſcale of public events.

Reſpecting the objects that you recommend to my attention, you may be aſſured, Sir, that I ſhall revolve them in my mind with all the attention due to their own importance, and to you. I have only to add that I ſhall conſider it as the moſt fortunate circumſtance that can befal me, if I acquit myſelf of the great charge with which I am intruſted, in ſuch a manner as to prove myſelf worthy of your confidence and of the public approbation.

I ſhall not fail to tranſmit you the moſt regular accounts of every material circumſtance; and ſhall explain our preſent ſituation and operations, as ſoon as Colonel Lang's departure allows me to inform myſelf accurately of the true ſtate of affairs. Waiting your further orders,

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) W^M^ FULLARTON.

* This order for the junction of the Southern Force with me being thus known to C. F. combined with the Colonel's Letter of May 4th, could not fail (as I ſuppoſed) to have convinced him that all former Letters from Government communicated by Colonel Lang at the Council of War, April 6, near Caroor, concerning expeditions to the Weſtward, were ſuperſeded, as being totally incompatible with theſe *laſt* orders for co-operation at Cuddalore: in which ſenſe I have every reaſon to think that Colonel Lang underſtood the orders abovementioned. See Colonel Lang's Letter to me, p. 134, 135. alſo Remarks, from p. 355 to 358. J. S. 1784.

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## * From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

### EXTRACT.

*Carical, 20th May, 1783. At Noon.*

I AM this inſtant honoured with your Letter of the 6th. Mr. Cochran's Letters, which go with this, will explain to you the meaſures we have taken to ſupply you with rice.

I am now in my way to Negapatam, where I will make every arrangement, and leave full powers with Mr. Cochrane to execute and extend them.

Unfortunate reports ſtill prevail at Tranquebar relative to General Mathews, in ſo much that ſome confidently report they have received the articles of his capitulation † at Bidenore. I beg you will order the dates of diſpatches to be marked on your Letters. I promiſe reward for expedition; it ſhall be punctually paid: and I will requeſt of you to do ſo by my Harcarrahs.

*Colonel Fullarton has augmented his Army by five battalions, alſo with as many brigades of guns. His ‡ exertions are now become our only reaſonable hope of ſaving a part at leaſt of what has been gained on the Malabar ſide.* He was at Dindegul the 16th, waiting the arrival of the detachments from Pallamcottah and Madura and the return of the 1ſt battalion from Trichinopoly. I will not fail to make you the earlieſt communication of his movements.

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

* This Letter was received by me May 23d, and is ſuppoſed to be in anſwer to my Letters jointly to Mr. S. and C. F. See p. 75, 76. J. S. 1784.

† This report proved true ſo far as regarded Tippoo's having carried the paſſes leading to Hydernagur, which happened on the 13th of April; the particulars will be ſeen in M. Coſſigny's Letter to M. Buſſy in this Collection. J. S. 1784.

‡ See what I ſay on this part of Mr. Sulivan's Letter, in my Letter to S. C. p. 128 to 130. J. S. 1784.

From

## From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St George, May* 19, 1783.

I AM to acknowledge the receipt of your private Letter of the 13th date; and am to acquaint you that your ſeveral Letters to the Board, the laſt of which is dated 16th inſtant *, have been received. They will be anſwered after the next Committee, which will be held to-morrow, if I am able to attend. I am confined at preſent to my couch, with a violent rheumatiſm; and now dictate this Letter, in order to acquaint you that the San Carlos, the Minerva tranſport, and Speedwell, with troops, ſtores, and proviſions, will ſail to-morrow, upon the ſame deſtination, and with the ſame inſtructions as the Iſis and her convoy. The San Carlos will carry 20,000 Pagodas; which ſum will be added to, by every opportunity that offers, as faſt as money comes in to us. Two days ſince we received the five lack of current Rupees from Bengal, that came by the San Carlos, together with 10 or 12,000 Pagodas from Colonel Owen, being the balance (or thereabouts) ariſing from the other five lacks that came with Sir Eyre Coote, after reſerving the ſum due upon the Company's bond to him. The Succeſs Galley will, I hope, be able to ſail before Saturday; and the Morſe Indiaman ſoon after. I truſt that we ſhall have exceeded all your demands in every article, except arrack. We have not a ſingle drop now left in our ſtore, the laſt third being this day put on board the Minerva for you. The ſmall quantity that may be ſhort of your indents, I ſhould hope might be procured from Tranquebar by the means of Mr. Cochrane or Mackintoſh, whom you will pleaſe to make acquainted with your wants in that reſpect.

* See my Letters ſuppoſed then received, p. 95. 101, 102. 107. J. S. 1784.

Major Sydenham will have informed you, by my deſire, of the additional number of draught and carriage-bullocks * lately arrived with Mr. Catts from the northward; as alſo of the directions given for adding to the number of your ſlaughter-cattle and ſheep by ſupplies from Vellore, ſent to Chingleput by way of Tripaſore.

You will continue to apprize us of all the wants that may occur to your Army, as we ſhall in no ways relax our exertions to ſupply them; but we flatter ourſelves that your difficulties will leſſen every day.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

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† From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

EXTRACT.

*Fort St. George, May* 21, 1783.

WE have received your Letters of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th inſtant, with their Encloſures.

It is a very pleaſing circumſtance to us to find, by the intercepted French Letters, that your difficulties are likely to be leſſened by thoſe ‡ which the enemy experience, in a ſcarcity of rice and ordnance

* This additional carriage to the Army never joined, neither did the other cattle.

J. S. 1784.

† This Letter is ſuppoſed to be an Anſwer to mine of the above dates. See p. 95. 101, 102. 107. to which I beg leave to refer. J. S. 1784.

‡ This regards the intercepted Letter then received from Mr. B. Cochrane. See Correſpondence with Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, p. 11, N° 2. The S. C. had juſt at this time been informed by me of the arrival of rice at Conjimeer for the *immediate* wants of the Army, until I could have intelligence of the Iſis and convoy being at their ☞ ſtation ſouth of Cuddalore; they knew alſo by almoſt every Letter, that it was the *fixed* plan to remain meanwhile near Permacoil. See p. 13. 40, 41. 45, 46. 57. 67. 73.

nance ſtores. We hope Sir Edward Hughes will take effectual meaſures to prevent their receiving any ſupplies by ſea, or any aſſiſtance whatever from their fleet.

We muſt remind you that we have not yet received any Anſwer from you, on the important ſubjects contained in our Letter of the 6th inſtant;

☞ 73. It did not *then*, (at the date of this Letter May 21ſt), *occur* to Lord Macartney and S. C. with the full knowledge of our ſituation (though ſince laid by them to my charge as delay and miſconduct), that I was, becauſe of this intercepted Letter, to move on with the Army to Cuddalore *before* the ſtores and reinforcements had got to their ſtation. See alſo on this ſubject Remarks, fronting p. 112, note, p. 362. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT from Colonel LANG's Letter to Major General STUART.

Camp at Monſarpet, December 21, 1782.

" *I have now in the Field*

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| *European Artillery Men,* | 70 |
| *Native ditto,* | 221 |
| *European Infantry,* | 500 |
| *Regular Cavalry,* | 116 |
| *Irregular ditto,* | 600 |
| *Light Infantry Natives,* | 125 |
| *Topaſſes,* | 450 |
| *Sepoys,* | 4020 |
| * *Total* | 6120 |

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| *Twelve pounders,* | 2 |
| *Long ſix ditto,* | 2 |
| *Short ditto,* | 11 |
| *Long three ditto,* | 2 |
| *Short three ditto,* | 5 |
| *Galloper,* | 1 |
| *Braſs eighteen pounders,* | 2 |
| *Total Guns* | 25 |

" *By this you will obſerve, that I have been joined by Lieut. Col. Forbes.*"

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* At the time when I wrote to Colonel Lang (April 19, p. 11, 12), acquainting him of the powers of co-operation, I had in view the ſtrength of his force as above ſtated, and I never meant to.

in conſequence of which we judged it neceſſary to iſſue the General Order, which was forwarded to camp yeſterday. It is our deſire to aboliſh all unneceſſary diſtinctions * between the King's and Company's officers, and to employ both according to their rank and merit; and of this we truſt we have given a liberal proof in appointing two of his Majeſty's officers to the moſt important military ſtations under this Preſidency, the command of the main Army excepted. But we never will ſubſcribe to, or admit the dangerous and unfounded doctrine that

* See my Anſwer to the whole of this part, as alſo to ſhew what were my ideas relative to the command of the King's troops ☞ until I could know his Majeſty's orders to the contrary, p. 95, 96. 146, 147. J. S. 1784.

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From the Select Committee Fort St. George
To Brigadier General MATHEWS.

SIR, Fort St. George, April 22, 1783.

*Our Preſident has communicated to us your Letters to him of the 9th and 28th* ult. *and we ſincerely congratulate you on the additional honour you have acquired by the capture of Mangalore, as well as on the general and rapid ſucceſs which has attended your exertions for the public cauſe. We feel a regret equal to our ſenſe of thoſe exertions, that you do not expect from the Preſidency of Bombay ſuch aſſiſtance as might enable you to continue them in the fulleſt ſcope, eſpecially as at this ſeaſon it is impoſſible to ſend you from hence any reinforcement by ſea.— It is hoped, however, that the late conqueſt of Caroor by our Army under Colonel Lang will call the attention of ſo many of Tippoo Sahib's forces to that part of his dominions, that you will be able to maintain your ground againſt thoſe that will remain to be ſent againſt you.—Colonel Lang is now marching againſt* Dindigul *and* * Namcul.— *General Stuart has indeed declared to us, that it is* † poſſible *that the junction of a* part *of Colonel Lang's forces with the main Army may be found neceſſary for the reduction of Cuddalore, where the enemy have about* 3000 *Europeans, beſides Caffreys and native Sepoys; and, in caſe that neceſſity ſhould be indiſpenſible, we have empowered the General to ſend orders for that purpoſe.—The expulſion of our national enemy the French, being*

* See note † p. 53. J. S. 1784.

† Pray obſerve my preciſe words! State of Facts, Part II. p. 11, 12. J. S. 1784.

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to have increaſed that force by draining the Southern Garriſons; on the contrary, after Colonel Lang had, *with this force*, (May 4,) reduced Dindigul, my plan was to leave the garriſons as they then ſtood, and to return towards the Coleroon with the *principal* part of the above *Field Force*, which, if it had taken place any time in May, would have anſwered every great nation l purpoſe at Cuddalore, Col. Fullarton having ſucceeded to that command upon the 10th of that month. J. S. 1784.

the King's troops are independant of the authority of the government by which they are maintained, and which has the care of the poſſeſſions they were ſent to protect: nor can we, upon the ſame principle, admit of officers acting in high ſtations with our Army by any other authority than our own, unleſs appointed to ſuch ſtations by his Majeſty, or our employers in England.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ALEX^R DAVIDSON.

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*no doubt an eſſential object* (ſhould that be happily accompliſhed), we ſhall * then be at liberty to give you effectual ſupport.

*We are endeavouring, in the mean time, to cauſe a diverſion in your favour, by ordering as many troops as can be ſpared from the* Circars, *to march towards the Cummum and Cuddapah countries, where we have received aſſurances, that the diſpoſition of the principal Chiefs to throw off the yoke impoſed upon them by Hyder Ally, requires only ſuch a countenance from us to produce a revolution in that quarter, which will be a new occaſion of diſtraction and of diviſion of ſtrength to your opponent. However, we truſt very much for the preſervation of your conqueſts to the abilities by which they were acquired; and that you muſt act for the preſent on the* defenſive *only, yet, as in that defence you draw from the French the principal ſtrength of their Indian ally, you enable us to attack them with a ſuperiority, that leaves little doubt of ſucceſs; and you thereby render a moſt important ſervice to your employers and the State.—Our main Army commences its march this day, and Sir Edward Hughes propoſes ſoon to ſeek the enemy off Trincomalee.*

*We have the honour to be, &c. &c.*

(Signed) MACARTNEY and S. Committee.

* This Letter to B. G. Mathews will evince, that the Se'ect Committee, who had granted me the powers † to call upon the *main part* of the Southern Force only a few days before, did then relinquiſh all expectation of really aſſiſting him by the operations of that force to the *weſtward*, until after the fate of Cuddalore and the French had been determined; conſequently the Letters of Select Committee in March, produced to the council of war near Caroor upon that ſubject ‡, were ſuperſeded by their Letter to Colonel Fullarton wrote the 21ſt April. See p. 15, N° 2. J. S. 1784.

† See p. 351, 352. J. S. 1784.

‡ See Remarks, p. 355 to 358. J. S. 1784.

[Surrender

## * From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 25, 1783.

I WRITE this ſhort Note to inform you, that the day before yeſterday the Chaſer, and Ann and Amelia, put back to this port.

The Ann and Amelia, however, ſailed to the ſouthward in leſs than four-and-twenty hours after, and, as the land winds ſeem now regularly ſet

* This Letter of the Preſident (with Encloſures N° 1, 2, 3,) was received by me May 30; on which day I alſo received from Mr. B. Cochrane the firſt accounts of our Admiral's having paſſed Tranquebar, though unfortunately he had *not* ſent in there, or to Negapatam for news.—See Intelligence, p. 161; alſo ☞ Extract 2d, p. 157. On that, and the next day, I had the certainty of M. Suffrein's detached ſhips under Commodore Peinier, with proviſions and ſtores, being actually at Cuddalore, notwithſtanding of which I gave out the orders for the Army to march, and moved forward to my ſtation (June 2), upon the preſumption that our convoy with Commodore Haliday might be protected by our Admiral's being to windward, though the riſk ſeemed very great againſt them †, and alſo againſt the Active frigate, with our other proviſions from the Southward.

The arrival, however, of theſe French ſhips induced me to delay *no longer* ſending poſitive orders for Colonel Fullarton to join, there being no time then left for reference to Government on that ſubject, eſpecially after finding that my own repeated information and opinion for many weeks paſt, added tot he orders for co-operation received by Colonel Fullarton, had not had the deſired effect to bring that force towards the Coleroon immediately after the 12th of May. See from p. 155 to 168, and p. 386, 387. J. S. 1784.

† See p. 167. 172 to 178. J. S. 1784.

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## [Surrender of *Hyder-Nagur* and the *Bidenore* Country to *Tippoo*], April 28, 1783.

From *M. Coſſigny*, Brigadier, commanding the Regiment ‡ *L'Iſle de France*, and the French detachment ſerving with Tippoo Sahib in the Bidenore Country,

To the *Marquis de Buſſy, &c.* at Cuddalore.

Mon. Général, A Nagar, le 28 Avril 1783.

*Aujourd'hui le* 28, *les troupes enemies, commandés par le* Brigadier Général Mathews, *defendant le fort de* Nagar *ont capitulés.—Le Prince leur a accordé les honneurs de la guerre. La garniſon en eſt ſortie à ſix heures de ſoir, tambours battans, méche allumée avec deux pieces de*

‡ It was a regiment from Mauritius, not the old French regiment of that name. J. S. 1784.

*canon,*

ſet in, I flatter myſelf ſhe will arrive at her deſtination in a very few days.—This night or to-morrow morning, the Naiade, Chaſer, and Succeſs galley will put to ſea.—The Naiade carries 30,000 Pagodas for your Army,—the Chaſer carries the remainder of the detachment; and on board the Succeſs galley, about 5000 bags of rice, and a quantity of ſtores, ammunition, and pioneers tools, &c. are embarked.—The Intelligence Snow and Morſe Indiamen will follow ſoon after, with money, and ſuch other articles of ſupply as you may want, and we can furniſh.

Encloſed I ſend you copy of a Letter from Sir Edward Hughes, together with the Committee's Reply. To-morrow a Letter will be ſent you

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*canon, après avoir deposé les armes ſur le glacis ſuivant la capitulation, elle doit être conduite à* Goa, *et de là à* Bombay, *les troupes blanches ne devant plus ſervir de la guerre.*

*Permettez, mon Général, que je n'entre dans aucun détail dans ce moment;—les autres articles de la capitulation n'étant pas d'ailleurs eſſentiels, et voulant profiter du premier moment pour vous annoncer la priſe totale des villes, forts et fortreſſes de* Nagar, *puiſſe cet évenement nous ramener ou plutôt auprès de vous!*

*Les Anglois ont eſſuyé et eſſuyer ont ſucceſſivement un échec bien conſiderable dans cette partie; il eſt ſur, mon Général, qu'ils avoient fait cette incurſion dans les pays du Nabob avec douze à quatorze cens Européens ſortants de* Bombay, *et faiſants à peu pr`s la majeure partie de leur forces, ces troupes ont été reparties dans les differentes places,* Onore, Mangalore, Tellicherry, Mahé, Condapour, *et enfin* Nagar. *Il paroit par tous ce qui a été tué, fait priſonnier, et ce que ſe trouve dans la place, à époque de la capitulation, qu'il y avoit environ ſix cens* Européens *puiſqu'il s'y en eſt trouve à la reddition, deux cens ſoixante, qui ont pris les Armes, non compris ſoixante à quatrevingt bleſsés, le nombre de* Sepahis *étoit de douze cents, et un grand nombre de malades.*

Monſ. Mathews *n'a pas attendu qu'il fut fait bréche* * *à la place, des le* 24 *il a envoyé ſon premier parlémentaire; le* 25 *et le* 26 *(Avril) ſe ſont paſsés de même, ſans qu'il y ait en un*

* This is the copy of one of the two Letters which I forwarded to the Select Committee in the beginning of June; the other Letter from M. Coſſigny, is dated the 13th of April; it contains a very long detail from the 6th, of his having recovered all the paſſes and barriers leading to Bidenore, and of his being then advanced quite cloſe up to the Fort of Hyder-Nagur with very little loſs. —Mr. B. Cochrane (May 22) communicated the other intelligence from Columbo of the fall of Bidenore, though not believed at Anjango, Tellicherry, or Pallamcotta, until late in June. See Extract, p. 133, 134. Col. Fullarton, by his Letter in the firſt week of June, believed that Bidenore and B. G. Mathews were ſafe in May. See Extract, p. 219, and Correſpondence with V. Adm. Sir E. Hughes, p. 18. J. S. 1784.

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you from the Committee, containing full inſtructions upon all the points neceſſary for your conduct, and particularly relative to the Southern Army under Colonel Fullarton.

The Speedwell, which we had engaged to go to you, has diſappointed us, and has refuſed to proceed.—Three ſhips of the line and two frigates were to ſail from England in the beginning of January, with a large fleet of Indiamen, having 2000 King's troops, and 500 recruits for the Company on board.—This news came over land;—we are referred for further particulars to the Nancy Ketch, which was ſoon to ſail from England; but we are afraid her diſpatch will not be very quick, as we are informed that the Court of Directors, having laid before the King their proceedings, and thoſe of the Court of Proprietors, relative to the vote of the Houſe of Commons, of the 28th of May laſt, his Majeſty had ordered them to defer their diſpatches, as he intended to lay the whole before Parliament. The Lord Advocate has

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*coup de canon tiré de part ou d'autre.—Le Prince m'a fait appeller pluſieurs fois pour me dire, que les Anglois vouloient que je fuſſe guarant de la capitulation, et qu'il fut donné reſpectivement des ôtages.—J'ai repondu, qu'il me paroiſſoit très inutile que le* Général Mathews *envoya, ſans ceſſe, des emiſſaires, alors qu'il detenoit encore un officier François contre toutes les loix de la guerre;—Je le priois au nom du roi, de ſuſpendre tout arrangement juſqu'à ce que j'euſſe pu avoir réponſe à un Lettre que j'allois écrire de nouveau au* Général Mathews: *d'après cela les emiſſaires ont continué, et la capitulation a été faite. Neanmoins, mon Général, pour des très fortes raiſons dont j'aurois l'honneur de vous rendre compte, non ſeulement je n'ai point voulu donner d' ôtages; mais même je n'ai ſigné ni guaranti la capitulation.*

*Le Prince s' eſt rendu à cet égard à mes repreſentations, et le* Général Mathews *a ſon regret, a été forcé d'en paſſer par ce que le Prince lui a promis.—Le Nabab m'a dit qu'il alloit peut-être à* Bombay, *dont nous aurons bon marché, puiſque les ennemis ont degarni cette place.*

*Depuis la journée de 7, je n'ai eu que cinq ou ſix hommes bleſſés*, en total* Monſ. Mathews *a fait une pitoyable defenſe, il eſt vrai, qu'ayant été obligé de rentrer dans les forts, preci-*

* No reflections of M. Coſſigny can affect B. G. Mathew's military character, who, I dare ſay, had his reaſons for whatever he did on this occaſion.—My opinion of the merit of that officer ſtands on record. See p. 113. J. S. 1784.

*pitamment,*

has moved for ſundry India Papers, and it ſeems that no relaxation of the enquiry was likely to happen. There are foreign Papers here ſo late as the 24th of December; all which announce the ſpeedy * approach of peace.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

*P. S.* I muſt requeſt that the Ann and Amelia, as alſo the Succeſs galley, may be delivered as ſoon as poſſible, otherwiſe, as they are hired ſhips, the demurrage will fall very heavy upon us.

* See my Letter to Select Committee, May 26, on this ſubject, p. 144.
J. S. 1784.

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[ENCLOSURE, N° 1.]

From Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES, K. B. &c. &c. to the Select Committee.

*Superb, at Sea, 19th May*, 1783.

THE winds have continued to blow ſo ſtrong from the ſouth, with very little variations either to the eaſt or weſt, that with the utmoſt diligence and attention his Majeſty's ſquadron under my command has not as yet been able to get to the Southward of Porto-novo; and, judging it

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*pitamment, ayant fait une perte conſiderable dans la journée de* 7, *il a abandonné dans la ville de* Nagar *une quantité de vivres à nourir cent mille hommes; et dès le troiſieme jour la garniſon retirée dans les forts, étoit reduite à une galette de ris; je penſe bien que nous devons notre ſuccès à ce defaut de precaution.*

*Le Prince a fait prendre, par les troupes,* † *Onore et Condapore, il y a encore fait* 60 *à* 80 *priſonniers Européens dans ces deux places. L'Enemie eſt reduite à bien peu de choſe deſormais.*

*Je ſuis, &c. &c.*

COSSIGNY.

† My object in producing this French Letter is ſimply to fix the dates of what happened under M. Coſſigny's *own* obſervation. *Onore* was not taken at the date of this Letter.
J. S. 1784.



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neceſſary to keep near the ſhore, leſt, being at a diſtance, the enemy might puſh between me and the land, and cut off the ſhips and veſſels having the ſtores and proviſions on board for the Army, as well as the ſhips employed to cover them; the current, which ſets to the northward moſt ſtrong along the ſhore, has much impeded the ſquadron's progreſs to the ſouthward.

On the 16th of this month the cruizers of the ſquadron ſpoke two Portugueze ſhips which had left Trincomalee two days before. From ſome Engliſh gentlemen paſſengers on thoſe ſhips, but particularly from the ſurgeon of the Coventry, a very intelligent man, I learn *M. Suffrein* has for ſome time paſt been employed in the refit of the ſhips of his ſquadron, all in harbour, part of which were expected to come into *Back-Bay* the 25th of this month; and when all had done ſo, it was his intention to proceed to ſea.

Be that as it will, the ſquadron muſt return to Madras road * on, if not before, the end of next month, for a ſupply of water, ſtores, and proviſions; and this information I think it neceſſary to give you, that you may, under theſe circumſtances, regulate the operations of the Army, as you ſee fit.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) EDW$^{D}$ HUGHES.

## [ENCLOSURE, N$^{o}$ 2.]

From the Select Committee to Vice Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES, K. B. &c. &c.

SIR, *Fort St. George, May* 21, 1783.

WE have received the honour of your Letter of the 19th inſtant; and are much concerned to find that the winds and currents have been ſo unfavourable as to retard your progreſs, eſpecially as we are under apprehenſion, that from the lateneſs of your departure from hence, the French reinforcement may arrive at Trincomalee before you reach your deſtination.

* See my obſervation on hearing that the Admiral was in ſuch want of water, p. 192, and notes. J. S. 1784.

We cannot avoid expreſſing our concern and ſurpriſe, that you ſhould think it would be neceſſary for the ſquadron to return to Madras roads during the courſe of next month. Such a movement might effectually deſtroy all the hopes we had entertained from its aſſiſtance and operations. We flatter ourſelves that ſuch ſtores and proviſions as you may have occaſion for, may be forwarded to you from hence; and as for water, we had hoped that the aſſiſtance you received in that reſpect (every boat belonging to the Port having been employed in the ſervice of the ſquadron during your ſtay at Madras) would have effectually ſecured you againſt every diſtreſs in that article. However, ſhould you really feel any want of that kind, we truſt you will be able to water the ſquadron at ſuch places and in ſuch manner as Monſ. Suffrein did before Trincomalee fell into his hands.

By your coming to Madras our operations to the ſouthward would be expoſed to the moſt imminent danger, and the main object be defeated, as there is great reaſon to believe that ſo ſpirited and enterpriſing an officer as Monſ. Suffrein, would relieve Cuddalore the moment he knew that you returned from a ſtation to windward of that place.

We therefore earneſtly beſeech you to take ſuch meaſures as will render it unneceſſary for you to return to Madras at the time you mention; and you may rely upon every poſſible exertion that this Government can make, to forward to you to the ſouthward ſuch ſupplies as we can furniſh, in order to prevent your return hither at a moment when your remaining to the ſouthward may determine the fate of the war.

We have ſent a copy of your Letter, together with this to General Stuart, to prepare him for the worſt that can happen, in caſe you perſevere in your intention; but we muſt ſtill flatter ourſelves that you will not order any movement of the ſquadron which may render abortive the very important expedition we are now engaged in. You will pleaſe to obſerve, that were you to come to Madras, it would be a very long time indeed before you could be watered, becauſe a great part of our boats have been ſent to the ſouthward for the preſent ſervice. The number that now remains is very ſmall; but the object before us is of ſuch importance, that it becomes an indiſpenſable duty to make ſacrifices in order to accompliſh it. There is not as yet one of the Indiamen delivered, although it is upwards of a month ſince their arrival. If neither Batacaloo or other places in Ceylon, acceſſible to the ſquadron, ſhould be found adequate to the purpoſe of watering the

Fleet,

Fleet, we ſubmit to you, whether Negapatam, Tranquebar, or Porto-novo would not be infinitely preferable to a return to Madras.

We have the honour, &c.

(Signed) MACARTNEY and Select Committee.

*P. S.* Encloſed we ſend you a liſt of the French ſquadron at Trincomalee, which we are aſſured is exact.

[ENCLOSURE, N° 3.]

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| Le Heros | C. 74 | white flag, mizen | Commander in Chief. |
| Le Fendant | C. 74 | broad pendant, main | 1ſt Commodore. |
| Le Hannibal | W. 74 | ½ white ½ blue, ditto | 2d Commodore. |
| L'Illuſtre | W. 74 | plain pendant, main | very leaky. |
| L'Argonaute | C. 74 | ditto - ditto | a fine ſhip, new painted, bright yellow ſides, with black ſtreak, white lion head. |
| Le Sphynx | C. 64 | - ditto - fore | leaks a little. |
| Le Vengeur | C. 64 | —— —— | has been hove down, but leaks as much as ever. |
| L'Arteſien | C. 64 | ditto, main, blue and white vane | leaks a good deal; Royal croſs trees, flying jebb boom. |
| L'Ajax | W. 64 | - ditto - ditto - | a good old ſhip. |
| Le Severe | W. 64 | - ditto - ditto - | ditto. |
| Le Brilliant | W. 64 | - ditto - mizen - | heaving down. |
| Le Hardie | W. 64 | - ditto - ditto - | an old ſhip, broken back'd, with riders within and without. |
| Le St. Michael | C. 60 | - ditto - ditto | very leaky. |
| Le Flamand | W. 50 | - ditto - ditto | an old ſhip, with riders. |
| Le Petit Hannibal | C. 50 | - ditto ditto, fore | has been on ſhore and much damaged. |
| Le Conſolant | W. 40 | - ditto - ditto | ſails badly. |
| La Cleopatra | C. 36 | —— —— | ſails very well. |
| La Bellona | C. 36 | —— —— | in good order, to be diſmantled. |

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| La Fine | ½ C. 40 | - - | fails ill, to be diſmantled. |
| L'Appdon | W. 40 | - - | kind of armed ſhip, ditto. |
| Le Coventry | C. 28 | - - | the faſteſt ſailer in the Fleet. |
| La Pourvoyeuſe | W. 40 | - - | unrigged, preparing to heave down, makes 27 inches an hour, her men to be put into the large ſhips. |

2 fire-ſhips, names unknown.

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## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 27, 1783.

IN our Letters to you on the ſubject of the powers which we had intruſted to you, over the Southern Troops, we gave you very ſufficient reaſons why it was proper that we ſhould have a communication of your orders to the commander of thoſe forces upon that ſubject, both becauſe ſuch communication might prevent any diverſity in the orders to ſuch commander from you and from this Committee, and becauſe it was neceſſary we ſhould be acquainted with the movements of both

* This long Letter was received by me June 1ſt. It was certainly wrote by Lord Macartney and S. C. after they had received my Letters of May 23d and 24th (p. 128 to 132), which I requeſt to be attended to, becauſe it contains their ſentiments (after the ☞ fulleſt knowledge of what was paſſing to the ſouthward), counteracting and defeating the original ſalutary plan of junction and immediate co-operation againſt the French at Cuddalore. The laboured criticiſm here, or elſewhere, in this Letter, upon the nature of the powers granted to me April 17th, and *their* conſtruction of my Letter to Colonel Lang (April 19th or 20th), may beſt be anſwered by referring to the plain words and ſenſe of thoſe very papers, p. 11, 12; and to the State of Facts and Proofs, p. 11, 12. 29, 30. It will be *there* found that I had not forgot what had paſs'd. The papers being ſent to me by Lord M. and S. C. in *oppoſite* columns, would, of itſelf, have done no harm, if I had not, *through their means*, had the ſad experience of an *oppoſition* of a more ſerious nature, to the plan of immediate return to the Coleroon in May, for co-operation againſt the French at Cuddalore, by C. F. and the S. Force of that time. J. S. 1784.

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Armies, as being anſwerable for them. Our directions, therefore, to you, for ſuch a communication, did not neceſſarily involve any ſuſpicion of your correſpondence, as counteracting the reſolutions of the board. Nor do we claim the merit of having foreſeen that you would hold a language to this Government, in order to obtain that power, ſo different from that which you held (as ſoon as you did obtain it) to the Commander of thoſe forces. What you ſaid to us at two meetings of the Committee, and the Letter you ſent immediately afterwards to Colonel Lang, are incloſed, and placed in oppoſite columns, that you may perceive that the oppoſition, or at leaſt the difference, could not eſcape us.

The Committee yielded to the idea of a junction with your Army of *any part* of the Southern Troops, already ſo neceſſarily and ſucceſsfully engaged, on your declaration on the 17th April laſt, that ſuch junction would be indiſpenſably neceſſary; and, upon your aſſurance ☞ that you would leave ſuch a force to the ſouthward as *you* ſhould be convinced would be ſufficient to maintain our footing there, to give protection and encouragement to thoſe who might have declared in our favour, and even to act offenſively; and as much as poſſible to aſſiſt General Mathews. Your point once gained, you write the very next day, the 18th of April, and before you were yet gone from the Preſidency, to Colonel Lang *, that beſides garriſons to a certain proportion, there ſhould be left as a ſort of Field Army ſouth of the Coleroon, about two battalions of Sepoys, one hundred Europeans, and ſix field-pieces. It is merely poſſible that theſe two battalions and this hundred of Europeans, which indeed, as you call them, could be only a ſort of a Field Army †, might however have been ſufficient in your conviction

* See the real caſe, p. 11, 12; alſo State of Facts, p. 11, 12. 29, 30. J. S. 1784.

† See (p. 386.) the total force which I counted upon as ſufficient to anſwer every ſalutary purpoſe of co-operation with me towards the Coleroon near the middle of May (after the fall of Dindigul), without ever entertaining a thought of drawing the Southern Garriſons

conviction to protect and encourage our partizans to act offenſively, and to have a chance of aſſiſting General Mathews. But this Letter was not gone when our Preſident ſummoned the Committee to reconſider the power of drawing any troops from the ſouthward, as a Letter had juſt reached him from General Mathews *, mentioning that the forces then oppoſite to him amounted to 50,000 men. That from the number he could collect in the field, 600 Europeans and 3000 Sepoys, his Lordſhip would determine whether he (General Mathews) could make head againſt the foe with any probability of ſucceſs. That the enemy was only 40 miles from Bidenore; but that he had great hopes that ſomething effectual would be done on our ſide, and that by the active exertions of our Southern Army towards Coimbatore, whilſt our grand Army was expelling the foe from the Carnatic, he ſhould be able to keep his footing till reinforced. The neceſſity of ſuch exertions † to the ſouthward having thus the additional inducement of ſaving the *weſtern conqueſts and Weſtern Army*, weighed very much againſt continuing the power of diminiſhing in any degree the means of making thoſe exertions.

But on this occaſion (the 19th April) you expreſſed your hope that the Committee would place that confidence in you to believe that you

Garriſons into the field; from part of which force, I meant likewiſe to form the ſort of Field Army (though here criticiſed), to be left ſouth of the Coleroon. A meaſure which, beſides ſufficiently ſecuring the quiet of the S. Provinces, would have ſaved to the E. I. C. an infinity of needleſs expence, and carried the greateſt poſſible national object at Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

* See (p. 387, 388.) the Letter April 22d, wrote by Lord M. and S. C. in anſwer to B. G. Mathews's Letter here mentioned, ſhewing to demonſtration the *underſtood* purpoſe of the powers granted me April 17th; and that the operations to the weſtward were *not* expected to take place until after the reduction of Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

† If by "weſtern conqueſts and weſtern Army," be here meant the Bidenore country and the forces there under B. G. Mathews, the whole was, alas! irrecoverably loſt near a month before this theoretic Cabinet Reaſoning was dictated. See the account of the Surrender, April 28. p. 389 to 392. J. S. 1784.

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would not call Colonel Lang with a part of the Southern Army to join you, but on the fulleſt conviction of the abſolute neceſſity of the meaſure, in order to effect the object of getting poſſeſſion of Cuddalore and the French force; and that you would do your utmoſt to let the Committee be judges of that neceſſity, before you determined on the meaſure. That determination, which thus, to the Committee, was in proſpect only, of which you would do your utmoſt to let the Committee be judges, was however, in fact, already taken by you unalterably. Your Letter already quoted, which, if it had gone when written, the 18th, ſhould have been followed by another to contradict its contents, or at leaſt to ſuſpend its operation, is now diſpatched by you on the 20th of April. You are anſwerable for its contents as if written at that time. You diſpatch it as an authentic account of the final determination of the Committee *. The Committee, who conſented to no meaſure, but on your ſolicitations and promiſes, to give you a power of taking a meaſure in caſe of its being indiſpenſably neceſſary, are repreſented by you as having taken upon themſelves ſuch meaſure decidedly, as having ſettled that the Southern Army was to co-operate with the main Army deſtined to act againſt Cuddalore. This declaration is made by you, without being qualified by any condition, precaution, or particular ſuppoſition of events. You aſſure Colonel Lang of the authenticity of what you tell him was thus ſettled in Committee. There is no doubt or mention of the indiſpenſable neceſſity. The co-operation is to be, it ſeems, independent of that circumſtance. You expect it to be immediate. You expect to hear from him on his march. That neceſſity did not however then exiſt; for a month afterwards it did not

* It would ſeem, by all this laboured criticiſm, that, in explaining myſelf to Colonel Lang, in order to bring the Southern Force gradually towards the Coleroon as I advanced, I had done ſomething very criminal; but my anſwer to all the vague reaſoning of this Letter, is by reference to the whole train of my correſpondence, and the ſad conſequences of the *counteraction* in my not deriving benefit from that force. See particularly State of Facts and Proofs, p. 11, 12, 29 to 32. J. S. 1784.

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even yet exiſt, for you tell us, on the 24th inſtant, that there was not * then a preſſing exigency for the junction of the Southern Army; though you did not know how ſoon it might be. You likewiſe tell us, in the ſame Letter, that it was upon the ſuppoſition † that Tippoo's principal force would return to this country, rather than ſuffer the French to be extinguiſhed, that you deſired the co-operation of the Southern forces. That ſuppoſition is leſs likely to become a fact, by our Southern Army continuing ‡ to occupy the attention of Tippoo in its progreſs againſt his Southern Provinces; and the two Sepoy battalions, which you mention to be gone to the northward, were thought to have been happily ſent that way when a hoſtile fleet threatened the Circars, and now are well employed againſt ſome of the territories of Tippoo, on that ſide; ſo that, with the forces now under Colonel Macleod, he muſt have ſufficient buſineſs upon his hands, to provide for the defence of what remains to him of his dominions, and to attempt the recovery of the remainder, without having the leiſure, or perhaps the means, to render now any material ſervice to the French.

* To avoid repetition here, I muſt refer to my former Remarks (p. 287, 288), on the ſingular forced conſtruction put on the paſſage of my Letter here alluded to.

J. S. 1784.

† At the time this Letter was wrote, Lord M. and S. C. had been for ſeveral days in poſſeſſion of my correſpondence with Colonels Lang and Fullarton, and with Meſſrs. Sullivan and Cochrane, mentioned in the Liſt, p. 93, which fully explained my views and expectations in bringing the Southern Force towards the Coleroon early in May, ſo as on ☞ my getting nearer to Cuddalore, I might immediately derive benefit from co-operation towards Chillumbrum or Porto-novo. I was *then* to be the judge of the time when to give orders for an *actual* junction with our Army; nothing, therefore, in fair conſtruction, compared with the whole tenor of my correſpondence, could be drawn from the paſſage here marked, other than this, namely, "That although by all my Letters, they muſt "have known *my* opinion of the neceſſity of the Southern Force coming nearer to me, "yet the exigence of an *actual* junction was not then preſſing, but I did not know how "ſoon it might be, and therefore, &c." See p. 130. The ſad effect of all this *cabinet* reaſoning and counteraction was but too clearly evinced, by our deriving no benefit at all at Cuddalore from the Southern Force under Colonel Fullarton. J. S. 1784.

‡ See Remarks, ☞ p. 241. J. S. 1784.

It is the intereſt of Tippoo Sahib, ſurrounded * with hoſtile Armies, diſaffected or mutinous ſubjects, and doubtful friends, to claim the benefit of the Mahratta treaty, which ſtipulated for his father the entire poſſeſſion of the dominions he enjoyed previous to the war, on the condition of his evacuation of the Carnatic. Under all theſe circumſtances, it does not appear probable to us that he will return with any formidable force to the Carnatic. It is ſtill leſs probable that he could execute, were he ſo inclined, ſuch a deſign, before the fate of Cuddalore ſhould be determined.

By the Admiral's Letter you perceive that he means to return to Madras in the courſe of next month. If by any delay or accident you ſhould not, before ſuch return, have attained your object, it will afterwards, by the probable arrival of the French Fleet at Cuddalore, and the ſuccours of every kind which it may afford, become a matter of difficulty and uncertainty. Theſe conſiderations will no doubt accelerate your movements. To act ſlowly †, is not, in all circumſtances, to make ſure of ſucceſs. Of ſucceſs we are authoriſed, from your recorded opinion, to form no doubt; and, ſince that opinion your ſtrength has been encreaſed. Every means and every aſſiſtance has been ſupplied: we have incurred a vaſt expence; and have ſpared nothing to ſupply you. You have plenty of proviſions and ammunition. We have ſent large ſums of money; all we had or could procure. We have ſent you ſupplies from hence. We have ordered ſupplies for you

* See my opinion of the immediate preferable call to make ſure of the French, ☞ p. 177. J. S. 1784.

† The words here laid hold of, are, as I believe, drawn from detached parts of my collateral correſpondence with Mr. Sulivan or Mr. B. Cochrane (p. 84, 85. 106, 107); but they may be both more fully and more fairly explained, as likewiſe in what is here ſaid of the intercepted intelligence of the wants at Cuddalore, and comparative ſtrength of our Army, with the reaſons of our ſeemingly ſlow movements, by referring to the whole tenor of my correſpondence, and particularly to the Remarks fronting p. 112.

J. S. 1784.

from the Southward. You have had a conſiderable body of European Infantry and ſome Artillery, which you could not have expected when this expedition was firſt projected: and all theſe preparations are againſt a place which you, with every man, agree cannot be tenable, and againſt troops in want, as we know by their Commander's intercepted Letters, of proviſions and ammunition. We ſtill will order, agreeably to your requeſt, a reinforcement of Sepoys, and his Majeſty's 23d regiment of light dragoons, to join you; though we do it without the conviction of its neceſſity, and though we much weaken by it our own garriſon.

You may have the ſervice of the Arrialore and Warrior-pollam irregular troops, to the amount * of ſeveral thouſands; and Colonel Fullarton will, no doubt, ſpare you, at your deſire, what he can, from ſtations nearer to you than where he is; for we have not countermanded † our orders of co-operation; nor have written him any Letters but thoſe of which we had already ſent you copies, and now encloſe you duplicates of them. *But we poſitively deſire that you will not order Colonel Fullarton's Army, or the greater part thereof, to join you or to croſs the Coleroon ‡, or otherwiſe to interfere with the operations of his Army, unleſs you ſee that there will be an indiſpenſable neceſſity for the ſame, of which you will fully explain to us at the ſame time the nature and occaſion.*

* It appears from all my Letters, and is moreover an undoubted fact, that notwithſtanding of Mr. Sulivan's aſſurances and expectations, yet no ſort of aſſiſtance was ever derived from the Pollygars, neither a Sepoy ſent from the Tanjore country, even to Chillumbrum, from firſt to laſt. Indeed the garriſons of Tanjore and Trichinopoly had been drained, contrary to my intentions, by C. F.'s orders of May 14th (known to Lord M. and S. C. at the date of this Letter, May 27), which, inſtead of co-operating with me as I advanced, had the effect to carry the troops towards Daraporam, farther off from me, and at the moſt critical period of the campaign. It ſeems therefore aſtoniſhing to find, in this Letter, the paſſage here marked (†), ſince the very words following (‡) do effectually counteract and countermand the former orders and reſolution in Committee, April 17th (p. 351, 352.) For my opinion of ſuch conduct on the part of Lord Macartney and S. C. ſee p. 177, 178. 264. J. S. 1784.

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We hope indeed that you will be poſſeſſed of Cuddalore before Colonel Fullarton's Army, after the receipt of your orders, could with any convenience march to you upwards of 200 miles.

We requeſt that in your operations againſt Cuddalore you will ſee the neceſſity of not loſing a moment, leſt the moment of ſucceſs ſhould paſs. The determination you expreſs in one of your Letters to go on ſure grounds, however ſlowly, may decreaſe ſomewhat in its wiſdom, by the preſſure of particular circumſtances. There is nothing ſtrictly that can, in war, be ſure; and the deſire of rendering it what it cannot be, might degenerate into ſlowneſs, as fatal as precipitation.

Though, for the preſent expedition, the neceſſity of ſending rice by land to Chingleput has been ſuperſeded by the greater quantities we ſent by ſea to a more forward ſtation; yet we have not the leſs attended to the proviſion of a ſtore there, for a future demand, as far as the Coolies we could collect, or other means of carriage would allow.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX$^{R}$ DAVIDSON.
M$^{R}$ WILLIAMS.

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## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Camp at Dindigul, May* 18, 1783.

I HAD not the honour of yours of the 29th April, with a poſtſcript of the 1ſt May, till the 16th inſtant. I diſpatched my acknowledgments to you for your Letter of the ſame date, which I had received on the 10th, by your Harcarrahs, and by Duplicate and Triplicate to Mr. Cochrane.

Immediately on receiving *your* † orders, and *thoſe* ‡ of the Committee, I ordered the 13th, 23d, and grenadier Sibendies to be in readineſs to join from Tanjore; and I wrote to Madura for the 3d battalion from thence, which I directed the 25th battalion to replace from Palamcottah: I alſo ordered all the field-pieces that could be ſpared from the garriſons to be got in forwardneſs for the uſe of this Army. I alſo diſpatched Captain Tanner to Trichinopoly and Tanjore, to prepare a number of military ſtores for the Army.

All this I conceived to be eſſential to the effect of this force, whether it ſhould be employed to the eaſtward or weſtward; for, in our preſent

* See on the ſubject of this Letter, p. 129 to 131.—144, 145.—160 to 163, which did not reach me from Colonel Fullarton, until (very late indeed!) the 30th of May. (See Extracts, p. 156, 157.) It was wrote eight days after the Colonel had received my Letter of April 28th, accompanying the S. C.'s orders for co-operation (p. 52 to 55), and two days after mine of May 1ſt, which had been ſixteen days on the road, and paſſed through Mr. J. Sulivan at Tanjore. (See p. 62, 63.) J. S. 1784.

† I am at a loſs to know what C. F. meant by the words "*my orders.*" I certainly expected that from firſt to laſt he had known enough from me to engage his return towards the Coleroon after Dindigul was taken; but I ſent no orders to reinforce, or to bring the ſouthern garriſons into the field; that meaſure was entirely contrary to my intentions. (See p. 128 to 133.) J. S. 1784.

‡ The Colonel here means, as I conjecture, the laſt orders (N° 2. p. 55), becauſe, after knowing, as far back as March, my own plan of co-operation, ſtrengthened as it was by theſe laſt orders, it could not allude to the former Letters of the Select Committee, March 6th, which he had ſeen at the Council of War held near Caroor. (See p. 355 to 388), alſo my Letter to the Colonel (p. 162 to 164). J. S. 1784.

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ſituation, there is an imminent deficiency * of many circumſtances, without which an Army cannot be efficient.

As ſoon as I receive Anſwers to my Letters from Palamcottah, I ſhall tranſmit to Mr. Cochrane, to be forwarded to you, a ſtate of all the orders I have ventured to give, and a diſtribution of the troops; together with ſuch information as I may receive reſpecting the affairs of the Southern Diſtricts, to which we muſt look for our only ſupplies, excepting thoſe we may procure in the enemy's country. At preſent we find ſufficient ſubſiſtance of grain; but coin would be unknown among us, were it not for a ſupply of 20,000 Pagodas ſent to us by Mr. Irwin.

With reſpect to the movements of this force, I ſhall uſe every effort to have it in a ſtate to execute any order I may receive, either to the coaſt, if you ſhall judge it requiſite, or to the weſtward †, agreeably to the inſtructions of the Committee, which I muſt of courſe obey, unleſs you give me directions to move in a different direction. I ſhall remain in this neighbourhood for ſome time, awaiting your commands ‡; and if none arrive from you by the 24th or 25th, I ſhall

* Yet this was the very Southern Army which, in the Letters from S. C. to Colonel Lang, March 6th, they expreſsly ſay, "they conſidered as ſufficient to cope with, in caſe "of neceſſity, the whole force of Tippoo Sahib." J. S. 1784.

† See the preceding Notes to this Letter particularly † ‡. J. S. 1784.

‡ The whole of my Letters wrote either directly to the Colonel, or communicated in one way or other to him, for two months preceding the date of this Letter to me, muſt have been moſt unfortunately miſunderſtood by him, ſince they did not produce the effect I had every reaſon to expect after the 10th of May, when he ſucceeded to the command of the Southern Detachment, even although I might not have ſent him poſitive orders until the 31ſt of May, and for the reaſons ſtated. (See * p. 63, 162 to 164.) The Letters from March, above alluded to, expreſſive of my own plan and moſt earneſt wiſhes, will be found by reference to the State of Facts, Appendix (N° 2, 3, 4); and in this Collection (p. 11, 12. 51, 52 to 54. 62. 72). J. S. 1784.

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proceed, agreeably to your directions, with the work * we have in view; but I fear, Sir, that Namcull † will be too far removed for us at preſent. Our neareſt and moſt immediate object ſhould, I preſume, be Daraporam, unleſs you have occaſion for us elſewhere.

(Signed) W^m FULLARTON.

* It will be found, by reference to my Letter to Colonel Fullarton of April 28, and particularly to the ſentence to which there is here an alluſion, that my directions were *not* to the work he had *in view*, but to the objects immediately employed about at the date of that Letter, April 28 (p. 54). My words in connection deſerved more attention; I ſhall here repeat them: "The great object where I ſee the Southern Army will be moſt probably "wanted, is in the taking of Chillumbrum, while I am before Cuddalore; and the cover- "ing and protecting the proviſions for our Army, and cutting off all ſupplies for the "French from the Trichinopoly country, or adjoining Polygars; becauſe I do not ſee it "will be poſſible for me to detach any part for that purpoſe. You will revolve all theſe "things in your mind, and give me early and ſpeedy intelligence of every thing. My ☞ "wiſh is for you to ſucceed *in the objects now in hand*, and then co-operate with me for "the greateſt of all national ſervices, the driving the French from India, with an eye, at "the ſame time, to the forts of the Tanjore and Trichinopoly countries, and the making "in-roads into Tippoo's country, from the poſts acquired therein by the Southern Army."

J. S. 1784.

† See † p. 53. J. S. 1784.

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From

## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Camp at Judycombo, one march from Dindigul,*
*May* 25, 1783.

I HAD the honour to write to you on the 18th †, informing you of the ſteps I had taken ſince I entered on the command; and ſtating my intention of remaining at Dindigul till the 24th or 25th, in expectation of ſome ſpecific orders from you reſpecting my future motions; adding, at the ſame time, that if none arrived before the 25th, I ſhould march towards Daraporam, where I ſhould be as near as at Dindigul, to receive any inſtructions that you may be pleaſed to ſend me. I am now on my march thither, not having had any Letter from you, and ſhall be extremely anxious indeed until I hear what are the farther objects you ſhall direct me to have in view.

* This Letter, and that of June 1ſt, from Daraporam (p. 199 to 201), was received by me the 10th of June; and about the ſame time I alſo received Mr. Sulivan's Letter of May 29 (See p. 410 to 412). See likewiſe the diſpatches of May 28th, to Select Committee and Mr. Sibbald (p. 167, 168). J. S. 1784.

† I requeſt attention to that Letter, from C. F. of May 18, p. 404 to 406.
J. S. 1784.

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[Encloſure in C. Fullarton's Letter of May 25, to M. Gen. Stuart.]

From Colonel FULLARTON to Mr. IRWIN.

Camp near Dindigul, May 21, 1783.

*I have the honour to receive your Letter of the 18th, encloſing yours to Captain Bilcliffe of the 17th. I was alſo favoured with yours of the 15th, becauſe I preſume it would have proved to you how deſirous I am to regulate my conduct in all matters that have any reference to the ſouthern diſtricts, by your information and opinion. The report which you mention of my intention to withdraw the 22d battalion from the Tinivelly country, is entirely groundleſs. I never had ſuch a meaſure in contemplation; I did mean, Sir, that the 25th ſhould march to Madura in order to replace the 3d battalion ordered to camp; for the removal of that corps will leave the Garriſon extremely weak indeed. I alſo requeſt you to believe, that I have not*

In my laſt I mentioned that I had ordered the 25th battalion from Palamcottah to Madura, to replace the 3d coming to camp; but Mr. Irwin and Captain Bilcliffe having ſtated the inconveniency that would ariſe to the Tinivelly country from that meaſure, I have ſent 130 Mogully horſe to aid in the collections; and have left it to Captain Bilcliffe whether or not he judges it expedient to ſend the 25th in lieu of his own, the 19th, now in camp. He has written me that 5 companies of the 25th are marched, by Mr. Irwin's conſent, to join us; and I think it neceſſary to incloſe to you, Sir, my anſwer to Mr. Irwin *, in order to prove my earneſtneſs to forward every department of ſervice, and as far as in my power to promote and aſſiſt every public view of every individual in theſe employments.

I have done every thing in my power to eſtabliſh ſomething like diſcipline and regularity in the military to the ſouthward. As far as the regular battalions are concerned, time and opportunity will ſurely produce the deſired effect; but the rabble of independents and irregulars are ſo ſcattered, and ſo little under the eye of officers, that there can

* As the Colonel ſeems to wiſh to publiſh this Letter, I have here annexed it, though his argument as to the Council of War, to Mr. Irwin, is not founded, as I think. J. S. 1784.

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*been inattentive to the circumſtances of the Tinivelly country.—I am well aware of the difficulties with which you and Captain Bilcliffe have to contend, as well as with the magnitude and importance of the territories entruſted to your management. But the inſtructions of Government reſpecting the operations of this Army, and the opinion of a Council of War * on that ſubject, held by order of Government on the 6th April, rendered it my obvious duty to collect as large a force as could with any propriety be ſpared from the immediate ſafety of the Southern Garriſons. In order to accompliſh this purpoſe, I did conceive that the number of troops returned under the command of Captain Bilcliffe, would have enabled him to furniſh one battalion, while the Tanjore diſtricts are to furniſh three, beſides thoſe already with us in the field. I cannot help expreſſing my regret that Government ſhould incur ſo large an expence for Irregulars and Sibendies, who on paper appear as ſerviceable troops; but, on any emergency, are reported uſeleſs to the public cauſe.—I am hopeful that meaſures may be adopted for eſtabliſhing a ſyſtem of diſcipline and order among them, without which they ſhould be diſtinguiſhed by any other name, rather than by that of ſoldiers.*

* See my Remarks, from p. 355 to 358. J. S. 1784.

can be hardly any hopes of rendering them reſpectable, except on paper, without ſome ſuch regulations from you, Sir, as may render them worthy to be called ſoldiers.

Daraporam is four days march from hence, and three from Caroor. I hope very ſoon to hear from you, not only reſpecting the future motions of this force, but ſuch accounts of your ſucceſſes at Pondicherry as may give us an opportunity of congratulating you *on the greateſt military ſervice that has ever been performed in India.*

I am happy to hear that your ſupplies of grain and live ſtock are more plentiful than you could have expected. I tranſmit a Letter I received yeſterday, addreſſed to Colonel Lang, from Anjango. It gives a melancholy picture.

If any efficient meaſures of conſequence are expected from this Army, I am ſatisfied *that you will certify* * *the neceſſity of reinforcements*

* Colonel Fullarton, at the time of writing (May 25) had, by his *own* General Orders, of May 14th, reinforced *himſelf* from the ſouthern garriſons (ſee p. 128 to 132), and yet he was not then in condition for *efficient meaſures*. What *theſe* were to be, or how he was to be further reinforced from Madras, I could not well conceive—the only meaſure which from the *firſt* I expected, without any reinforcement at all, was, that from the Colonel's

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*The repreſentations that you tranſmit to me *, and the aſſurances you give me of ſupplying this Army from time to time, provided I comply with your requiſitions, have induced me to alter the arrangements I had made for reinforcing the Army, however inconvenient it may prove to the object of ſervice in which I am at preſent engaged. I ſhall therefore ſend a battalion from hence to Madura, in lieu of the 3d coming to camp. I ſhall immediately detach a conſiderable body of Mogully horſe to aſſiſt you in the collections of the Tinevelly country. I ſhall leave it in the option of Captain Bilcliffe to ſend the 22d or 25th to camp in lieu of the 19th (his own battalion), provided he conceives that no injury can ariſe to the ſervice with you from that arrangement.—After this explanation, I flatter myſelf you will hardly doubt of my reſpect for your opinions, or of my zeal to forward, as much as in my power, the important branch of public ſervice entruſted to your care. If any thing further can be done (conſiſtently with the inſtructions from my ſuperiors) to give effect to your exertions, you have only to ſuggeſt, and it ſhall be complied with.*

*I have, &c.*

(Signed) W$_M$ FULLARTON.

* See Mr. Irwin's Letters, p. 110. 158. 166.

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*and ſupplies of men and money.* The firſt of theſe may, I preſume, be ſpared from *Madras*, the ſecond from Tinevelly.

(Signed) Wᴹ FULLARTON.

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## * From Mr. J. Sulivan to Major General Stuart.

*Tanjore, May* 29, 1783.

I HAVE juſt had the honour to receive from Mr. Cochrane your Letter to me of the 16th inſtant. The boats, rice, arrack, &c. from the ſouthward, will all arrive in time to keep you in plenty. I

Colonel's long *intimate* knowledge of *my* plans and views for the public ſervice, I fondly hoped, even of *himſelf*, without waiting for my poſitive orders, that he would have marched directly to Trichinopoly and the Coleroon, ſo ſoon as he came to the command (May 10th), many days before the date of this Letter, May 25th, at which time he expected *a certificate from me that reinforcements were needed by him*; the Colonel having moreover, at the time, received or known by my intelligence the contents of my Letters, p. 62. 72, 73. 76. 84. J. S. 1784.

* This Letter from Mr. Sulivan was received by me in the firſt week of June, and he had at the time known the contents of all my Letters on the ſouthern co-operation, with my views and expectations in that reſpect, from, or even before the middle of April to the 16th of May. See p. 11, 12. 51 to 55. 62, 63. 72, 73. 76. 84, 85. Note, p. 96, and p. 106, 107. J. S. 1784.

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[Encloſure (ſuppoſed) in Mr. J. Sulivan's Letter of May 29.]

From Mr. Hutchinson, Reſident at Anjango, to Colonel Ross Lang, commanding the Southern Army.

Anjango, May 16, 1783.

*By the advices forwarded to me from the gentlemen at Tellicherry, and Mr. Sibbald, Reſident of the Committee, appointed to reſide at Bidenore, there is the greateſt reaſon to apprehend, that General Mathews is in a predicament truly alarming, and that unleſs ſpeedy and effective relief is afforded him, the conſequences may be fatal. No accounts have been received from him ſince the 5th of April, occaſioned by the paſſes of the Ghauts leading from Mangalore*

have the honour to encloſe you the copy of a Letter from * the Reſident at Anjango, which leaves little doubt of the danger to which General Mathews is expoſed. I will ſtill hope that the French reports † of his capitulation are groundleſs; but I fear it will not be poſſible for him to reaſſemble his Army, now divided between Onore, Mangalore, and Bidenore. This makes it the more neceſſary *that the*

* This paper (as I believe) here alluded to, is that from Mr. Hutchinſon to Colonel Lang, dated Anjango, May 16, p. 410. J. S. 1784.

† The Ghauts or paſſes leading to Bidenore were certainly carried by Tippoo before the ſecond week of April. See M. Coſſigny's Letter to M. Buſſy, p. 389 to 392. J. S. 1784.

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*Mangalore to Bidenore, being occupied by the enemy. The following are the Extracts of the Letters from the reſident factors at Tellicherry and Mr. Sibbald.*

Tellicherry, May 8, 1783.

"*Our Reſident before informed Mr. Hutchinſon that the communication was ſtopp'd between "Mangalore and the General at Bidenore, owing to the enemy having taken poſſeſſion of the "different paſſes up the Ghauts, ſince when we have received no intelligence of the General's "ſituation that can be depended on.*"

From Mr. SIBBALD, Tellichery, May 10, 1783.

"*I left Mangalore two days ago; the night before we beat up the enemy's camp, and took "four of their guns and 150 draft oxen.—We have no accounts from Bidenore, and we are "under great anxiety for their ſituation.*"

Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Col. JACKSON to Mr. HUTCHINSON, dated Mangalore, the 24th April 1783.

"*As the General's force was divided, it is impoſſible to ſay the number of men he has with "him; they cannot be more I think than about 2500, too inconſiderable for the Army he has "to encounter, and which, by report, is double the number Tippoo was ſaid to have march'd "from the Carnatic.*"

*With the information before you, you are able to form a juſt conception of the imminent danger which threatens the General and his comparatively diminutive force, and to examine the means in your power moſt applicable thereto.—As you are already advanced into the enemy's diſtricts, with deference I ſubmit it to your conſideration, whether the making a movement with your Army towards Coimbatore or the Myſore country, might not ſtrike terror and alarm, to be productive of very ſalutary effects.—A diviſion of Tippoo's force would, I preſume, be the certain and inevitable conſequence.*

*Southern Army ſhould be reinforced* *, particularly in Europeans. I have repreſented this ſtrongly † to the Committee; and I am perſuaded the neceſſity of the meaſure will appear ſo evident to you, that you will adopt it the moment circumſtances will admit. Colonel Fullarton marched from Dindigul the 25th, for Daraporam, before which place he expected to arrive the 30th.

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

* See note, p. 414, my obſervation on a ſimilar expreſſion in C. Fullarton's Letter received at this time. J. S. 1784.

† This Letter from Mr. Sulivan to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, as alſo his Letter to Mr. Sibbald, both dated May 28th, will be found, p. 167 to 170, and deſerve particular attention at this preciſe period, becauſe, when compared with the Letters from the Select Committee, eſpecially their very extraordinary Letter to me, of June 3d (wrote moſt probably after their receiving this diſpatch from Mr. Sulivan), will evince, as I think, that this gentleman's opinions and military plans have had more weight with the Company's right honourable Preſident, &c. than thoſe from me *(the General)*, charged with the execution of the plans for the campaign, deliberately ſettled at the Preſidency: hence, as I really believe, has originated chiefly that counteraction and miſapplication of the Southern Force, the ſad conſequences of which directly operated to ſave the French from the moſt probable ruin by ſea and land, in India, at the time, and left them in ſo great numbers *there* to combine with Tippoo, at the criſis when the peace in Europe was made known.—A moſt cruel diſappointment to the Eaſt-India Company and to our country, felt at this hour, and which I ſhall ever think ought chiefly, if not ſolely, to be laid to the charge of Lord Macartney and the (then) Select Committee of Fort St. George! J. S. 1784.

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☞ But how far ſuch a meaſure may quadrate with your idea of prudence, whether it may not comprize great and invincible obſtacles, *I do not pretend to determine.*

*Very lately I forwarded an Addreſs from Mr. Sibbald to the Select Committee at Fort St. George, and which, no doubt, conveys a detail of the particulars above recited; but, as many days muſt neceſſarily elapſe before the intelligence can be communicated to you, and to guard againſt the ſeveral accidents that retard or fruſtrate its arrival, I diſpatch the Expreſs to Captain Bilcliffe at Palamcotta, in the hopes it may reach you with expedition and ſecurity.—On the* 8th ult. *the Mahratta Fleet, belonging to* Gheria, *engaged the* Ranger, *Company's cruizer, took and carried her with four or five boats into that Port.—The paſſengers were Colonels M'Leod and Humberſton, Major Shaw, Lieut. M'Leod, and Mr. John Taylor. Theſe Gentlemen were returning to join the Army to the Southward; the former to take upon him the command. The Governor had wrote to Poonah, reſpecting the capture, about the* 18th, *but had received no anſwer ſo late as the* 30th. (Signed) J. HUTCHINSON.

## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, May* 30, 1783.

ENCLOSED we ſend you copies of two Letters which we have received, one from Goa †, and the other from Anjango; and we beg leave to add a private note from Bombay ‡ to a gentleman of this place.

* The Select Committee had, at the time of writing, received my Letters, p. 128 to 132, alſo p. 144, 145. This counteraction, on their part, concerning the employment of the Southern Force, was practiſed after their full knowledge of my opinion and ſituation; it is therefore, as I do think, that they become principally reſponſible to the East-India Company and to their country, for the conſequences, if the operations againſt the French at Cuddalore have not had their *full* effect. J. S. 1784.

† See N° 1. below. ‡ See N° 2. p. 415. J. S. 1784.

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(N° 1.)

[Enclosure in the Letter from S. C. May 30.]

From Mr. SIBBALD, &c. to the Select Committee of Fort St. George.

Goa, April 29, 1783.

*The intent and meaning of this Addreſs will, we truſt, be a ſufficient apology for the commencement of a correſpondence with your Board. We think it neceſſary to inform you, that we are appointed by the Hon. the Select Committee of Bombay for the management of the Company's intereſt, in the late acquired countries of Bidenore and Soundah. We left Bombay on the 25th inſtant, bringing with us a ſmall reinforcement for the Army, conſiſting of one battalion of Sepoys; and we yeſterday put into this place for intelligence of the ſituation of our Army and affairs to the ſouthward; and it it is with great concern we acquaint your Lordſhip, &c. that we are adviſed of the arrival of Tipoo Sahib, at the head of a very conſiderable Army on the frontiers of Bidenore about the of this month; that he immediately, with about* 12,000 *men, forced the Ghaut of Hyder Ghur, and has thus cut off all communication between our Army and the ſea-coaſt; that he has now a large force below the Ghauts, and is in poſſeſſion of the Fort of Cundapore, to which we were deſtined with the intended reinforcement. In this ſituation of affairs, we are determined to throw the battalion of Sepoys into* Mangalore, *as the only place of ſtrength upon the ſea-coaſt; but how long it may be able to hold out a ſiege from ſo powerful an Army as Tippoo is ſaid to have with him, we cannot pretend to ſay; indeed the ſole dependance of the Bombay Government for the ſafety of the troops under General Mathews, was that, in the event of Tippoo Sahib's leaving the Carnatic at the head of an Army, in order to retake the countries of Bidenore and Soundah, that your Armies would preſs ſo cloſe and hard upon him,*

*that*

Theſe will confirm to you the juſtice of our ideas with regard to Colonel Fullarton's operations, and the neceſſity of his perſevering in his attack of Tippoo Sahib, on that ſide, with all poſſible vigour. Indeed the relief of General Mathews's Army is moſt likely to be haſtened, if not perhaps entirely to depend on the efforts * of Colonel Fullarton

* See the coincidence of Lord M. &c. and Mr. J. S. both in their expreſſions and ideas on this miſtaken ſubject (p. 128. 379 to 383). The futility of ſuch reaſoning, or in the expectation of the ſmalleſt aſſiſtance to B. G. Mathews, ſituated as things were at this period, by any poſſible movements of ſuch a force as that with Colonel Fullarton on the ſkirts of Tippoo's country, is ſelf-evident; whereas (and I cannot too often repeat it) every object of the moſt real moment to the Eaſt-India Company and to Britain would have been moſt certainly and ſeaſonably attained, had the Colonel moved towards Trichinopoly, without waiting for reinforcements, after he had ſucceeded to the command, May 10th. J. S. 1784.

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*that the preſervation of his Myſore dominions would put it out of his power to come in full force againſt our troops in the Bidenore country; and it is with exceeding great concern we muſt obſerve, that unleſs this has been done, and which may then happily divert Tippoo Sahib's attention to another quarter, we fear the conſequences to the Bombay Army may be very fatal, as the Preſidency of Bombay is in no condition to ſend further reinforcements to the ſouthward, having already left the Garriſon in a very defenceleſs ſtate.* We beg leave to ſuggeſt to your ☞ Lordſhip, &c. the propriety and practicability of ſending troops and ſtores from your coaſt direct to Mangalore, *where veſſels may arrive with ſafety early in the month of Auguſt; and which meaſure may be productive of very happy conſequences in the event of that place holding out during the rainy ſeaſon; and which, from the favourable accounts we have of its ſtrength, we hope it may be able to do.*

*Truſting to our joining the Commander in Chief of the Army, who is in poſſeſſion of the Cypher, in which the Select Committee of Bombay correſpond with your Board, we left Bombay without a copy of it, and are therefore to truſt this Letter in its preſent ſtate; but we have directed the Harcarrahs, in caſe of falling in with the enemy, to deſtroy this Letter, and to produce another we have delivered them, which contains nothing of importance.—The Harcarrahs will wait your orders, and will return direct to this place when diſpatched.*

*We remain very reſpectfully, &c.*

(Signed) J^s SIBBALD.
SAM^L STEDMAN.
ROB^T KITSON.

P. S. *Two of the Gentlemen of our Commiſſion being on board the veſſel that brought us hither, is the reaſon that their ſignatures do not appear to this Addreſs.*

(N° 2.)

to the ſouthward, and of Captain Edmonds to the northward, whilſt your Army remains free to act againſt Monſ. de Buſſy at Cuddalore: and Colonel Fullarton can the leſs ſpare a detachment to you, that he can draw none from the province of Tinevelly, where the Pollygars are reſtleſs in their nature, and excited, as we learn, by emiſſaries from the Nabob's Durbar, require to be awed by military force.

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(N° 2.)

* [Encloſure in the Letter from S. C. May 30.]

Bombay, 28th April 1783.

*I wrote you by the Squadron at* St. Maria Mayor; *this goes by the way of Anjango, and will adviſe you of our laſt accounts from England by the way of Buſſora.—The King's Speech the 5th of December, at the meeting of Parliament, adviſes the nation that negociations for peace are far advanced, and that the independence of America is to be the firſt article. We have French papers of 3d January, from which it would appear that the ſucceſs of the negociations was doubtful, and that all parties were preparing for a vigorous campaign. Since the relief of Gibraltar, nothing of conſequence has been effected. The Vote for the recal of Mr. Haſtings has been overruled by the Proprietors, and ſince reſcinded by the Directors, which has ſo provoked Miniſtry, that they are determined to lay it before Parliament.*

*This diſpatch for Anjango will, no doubt, carry your Government the laſt diſpatches, which were dated the 31ſt of December to our Select Committee, of which we do not here know the contents. Colonel Macleod (who was going down to ſuperſede General Mathews), Colonel Humberſtone, Major Shaw, with ſundry officers, were unfortunately taken in one of the Company's cruizers by the Mharatta Fleet the 8th inſtant. Application is made to Poonah, but no anſwer is yet arrived; their conduct is indeed very myſterious. Major Campbell of the 42d is now appointed to the command of the Army, and Meſſrs. Sibbald, Stedman, and Taylor are gone down on behalf of the Company.*

*We hear that Tippoo Sahib, with a large Army, is on this ſide the Ghauts, and that your immenſe Army remain quiet and peaceable in the neighbourhood of Madras. The Ceres, Talbot, Royal Henry, and R. Biſhop, are here; the three firſt return to Madras with ſome wheat. We ſhall be anxious to hear the fate of the two Squadrons. The time is elapſed for the Mharattas to take poſſeſſion of their territories, and no demand made by them, ſo that we are apprehenſive of their joining Tippoo Sahib; in which caſe our Southern Army can never hold their ground. You will have better information than any I can give you. I therefore remain, &c.*

* See on the ſubject of this Letter, and the intelligence at the time, Ext. 2d. p. 224.

J. S. 1784.

From

We ſhall ſend you a ſupply of money by the firſt opportunity that offers.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^r. DAVIDSON.

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From Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES, K. B. &c. to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

[EXTRACT communicated to M. Gen. STUART June ]

Superb, off Point Pedro, 3d June 1783.

"*I received your favour of the* 13*th of April, and am much obliged to you for your kind congratulations on the command of the ſeas, which is truly ſo. I left the Iſis, St. Carlos, Active, Naiade, Chaſer, Pondicherry armed Tranſport, Harriet, and Minerva ſtore-ſhips (all coppered), to co-operate with the Army; and have, with the reſt of the Squadron, been off Trincomalee, Fryar's-Hood, and Trincomalee again, which I left laſt night at ſun-ſet. Fourteen ſhips of the line, and ſix or ſeven ſtore-ſhips in* Back Bay, *intended, it is ſaid, for Cuddalore. I learnt, by two Engliſh priſoners, who eſcaped from one of the French ſtore-ſhips in the Bay, that the* Argonaute 74, *the* Cleopatra *and* Coventry *frigates, with four ſtore-ſhips with ſtores and proviſions, were detached to Cuddalore on Thurſday laſt; this determined me to ſtand to the northward again, leſt they ſhould impede the operations of our Army. I conclude you ſent the boats to Captain Haliday, who had the care of the convoy appointed to the rice veſſels and ſtores.*

*On my paſſage from Bombay, I ſtood cloſe in to Cuddalore, but did not anchor, having occaſion to proceed immediately to the Preſidency for water, of which a large quantity was wanting. I alſo ſtood cloſe in to Cuddalore on my paſſage to the ſouthward. It has been ſaid Monſ. Suffrein expected ſome reinforcement, I believe four ſhips of the line. We have ſeen only two Portugueſe ſhips off the Hood, one from Liſbon, the other from Goa. I have been off Trincomalee three days cloſe in; the enemy ſhew no marks of coming out for a meeting. You will have heard the* Hound *ſloop joined me from England the* 14*th October, parted with the Cato the* 28*th December, twelve days after leaving Rio de Janeiro.—I have not yet heard any thing of the Cato.*

"*I ſend Captain Gower of the Medea with this, and ſhall be happy to receive any intelligence you may have from the Preſidency or otherwiſe.*"

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## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June 3, 1783.*

WE have had the honour of receiving your Letters † of the 28th and 31ſt May. You do not, in the latter, favour us with the acknowledgment of ours, of the 26th of May, though as much time had then elapſed ‡, as is uſually employed in the conveyance of Letters from camp, and no accident is mentioned to have happened. The receipt of

* This is the very remarkable epiſtle which was originally intercepted by the enemy, and ſent to Mr. Buſſy at Cuddalore, and then put in French, and the tranſlation was ſhewn to me after my return to the Preſidency. I gave that tranſlation to the Select Committee in Auguſt 1783. I have placed this Letter here in the order of time, although it was not received by me (and then in Triplicate) until the 29th of June, and when, with a handful of our brave *remains*, we had to ſtruggle with the whole power of France by ſea and land in India. The obſervation which *firſt* occurred on peruſal of this remarkable Letter, will be found in my Letter to S. C. June 30th (p. 282), which I ſhall now repeat, and refer at large from p. 282 to 288.

" In regard to that Letter, June 3d, I think myſelf and my conduct ſo perſonally and " ſo pointedly attacked, that when I have more leiſure from public buſineſs than at pre- " ſent, I ſhall dedicate it *to offer ſuch an anſwer, as from candid conſtruction of the reaſons of* " *my conduct, added to an indiſputable ſtate of facts, juſtice will be done me in the quarter where* " *it is moſt eſſential for me to look for it.*"

I am now buſy in performing that promiſe; and I eſteem it my peculiar good fortune and preſent happineſs, after all that has befallen me, to have ſurvived to this period, with the *near* proſpect of attaining that greateſt object of my preſent ambition. J. S. 1784.

† See thoſe Letters (p. 151 to 153, and p. 155 to 159), where I give my reaſons for the *ſeemingly* ſlow progreſſive movements of the Army, from the nature of things, if to be conducted by the maxims of military experience and of prudence, yet without in reality loſing any time. I alſo *there* give my reaſons for iſſuing my poſitive orders (31ſt of May, p. 161, 162.) to bring Colonel Fullarton towards the Coleroon, after I knew of the French ſhips being at Cuddalore, and that the Colonel was engaging himſelf againſt Tippoo's inſignificant frontier country forts (p. 163), which, from the ſeaſon and the diſtance, became incompatible with any aſſiſtance or co-operation againſt the French at Cuddalore, for which *laſt* purpoſe he had received the S. C.'s orders of April 21ſt (p. 381, 382), and had long before known *my own views* for that great public ſervice; ſee p. 377. J. S. 1784.

‡ The ſhort anſwer to all this groundleſs ſuſpicion is, that *their* Letter in queſtion was really dated the 27th, and *not* the 26th of May, and that it did *not* reach me until the 1ſt of June, being *under* the uſual time of receiving Letters, after the Army had paſſed

of that Letter was the more eſſential, as it contained our ſentiments upon a ſubject on which you ſaid you would take no ſtep, till you knew our ſentiments, but now have taken ſteps contrary to theſe ſentiments, which you could not have done conſiſtently with a knowledge of them. We ſince have forwarded to you authentic accounts of the critical ſtate of our affairs on the coaſt of Malabar, and rumour ſays more of them. Theſe accounts contain the beſt proof, and are accompanied by the ſtrongeſt remonſtrances *, of the neceſſity of enabling and directing our Southern Army to the moſt immediate and vigorous exertions in the ſouthern provinces of Tippoo, to prevent his recovery of his weſtern dominions, and to deter him, by ſuch an attack, from yielding to the ſolicitations of the French or the temptations of conqueſt, to return to the Carnatic. It muſt not therefore be on the mere ground that your Army, however conſiderable already, and ſufficiently efficacious for the object in view, might be ſtill more abſolutely certain of ſuch effect by the addition of more force, that muſt induce you to make that addition at the expence of the Southern Army ſo eſſentially engaged, and which ground would go to the evacuation of every garriſon, and abandonment of every other employment, to add to your numbers † without ceaſing: nor muſt it be even

Killenore; and that in the terms even of *eventual* co-operation, as explained in ſome of their Letters, I was ſtill left the judge of the *neceſſity*, when poſitively to ſend orders to C. F. My anſwer to this Letter, June 3d, ſhews my reaſons why I declined to withdraw the orders I had given to C. Fullarton. See p. 282 to 285. J. S. 1784.

* See the Letter from S. C. with Encloſures and Notes, p. 410 to 415; alſo Col. Fullarton's repreſentation of *their Southern Army*, from which all this immediate and mighty vigorous exertions were expected. See Remarks, ☞ p. 241. alſo p. 408, 409. J. S. 1784.

† I aſk every perſon of candour, who may read my Correſpondence concerning the Force I thought neceſſary to carry the great *national* object at Cuddalore, whether it will admit of this diſtorted conſtruction! The *real* oppoſition which, to the public misfortune, I experienced from thoſe ill-adviſed meaſures to the ſouthward, cannot, as I truſt, be concealed, or even palliated by this ſort of penmanſhip. See, I pray, the ſtate of our Army *after* the action of June 13th, and when the ſquadron left us the 16th (p. 217. 231, 232. 238. 250 to 264). What muſt any *practical* military man think of ſuch *reaſoning?* J. S. 1784.

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on the poſſibility of the future neceſſity of the addition of one Army to another, for the reduction of a body of men, to which you *already* declared the ſtrength you *then* * had to be fully equal, and which ſtrength has ſince been encreaſed by upwards of 800 Europeans, embarked † on the tranſports and ſhips of war: a *farther reinforcement* of 250 European cavalry, with a battalion of Sepoys, will ſhortly proceed to you by land, and make the addition to your Army, ſince it marched from hence, amount to upwards of 1000 Europeans, and a batallion of Sepoys—a force alone greater than that with which General Laurence drove the French from India.

You deſired and obtained, before this conſiderable encreaſe, a power from us of calling for aſſiſtance from the ſouthward, in the caſe only of its becoming indiſpenſably neceſſary to your ſucceſs; of which neceſſity you were to do your utmoſt to make us be judges. The increaſed greatneſs of the ſacrifice, which might be the conſequence of any delay in the movement, or any diminution in the numbers of the

* I find myſelf upon this, and almoſt every occaſion, obliged to watch very narrowly the official words of Lord Macartney and S. C. leſt they ſhould convey to *others* ſomething different from the *real* ſenſe and meaning of the paſſages referred to; ſuch as in this place, where mention is made of ſome declaration of mine, *without ſtating the time or occaſion of making it*; I am to gueſs, therefore, that it alludes to the words to be found in Articles 12th and 13th of the plan for the Campaign; and I now beg leave to connect them with what immediately precedes and follows in the Articles 11th and 14th (p. 7.); and taking the whole together, nothing ſtronger, as I think, can be adduced to condemn the conduct of Lord Macartney and Select Committee, in their ſchemes of *counteraction*, particularly ſhown in the Letter which is now under obſervation. J. S. 1784.

† By the Returns (p. 368), it will appear, there were only 600 by the Iſis, and I know that two-thirds of that number were recruits. The *further reinforcement* here mentioned never joined, and indeed muſt have been known at the time of writing, that they could not poſſibly have joined to have been of uſe to us at Cuddalore. See Remarks fronting p. 112. And to judge of the juſtneſs of *their* vague obſervation relative to General Laurence and the French in India, it would be neceſſary to conſult Mr. Orme's Hiſtory *comparatively* with the Hiſtory of the War and State of the country at the time of writing, which may be done at ſome *future* period, but is *here* needleſs and impertinent. J. S. 1784.

Southern Army, calls indeed for the exerciſe of our matureſt judgment, before we conſent to it; and the uſe you have made of the confidence we placed in you, forces us to caution in the continuance of it. We deſire, therefore, that you will communicate to us, without delay, copies of all the orders you have ſent before the receipt of this Letter to Colonel Fullarton and Major Bruce, with your reaſons for them; and that you will incloſe to us, *and to us only*, all ſuch orders as you ſhall in future think expedient to be iſſued to the ſouthward, with your ☞ reaſons for them, *which, if we approve* *, *we ſhall forward ſuch orders, and direct the execution of them;* and, in the mean time, that you will countermand the execution of thoſe already ſent by you, until they ſhall be confirmed by us. Theſe are precautions which your deviations from your own declarations had ſuggeſted to us, and which the preſent ſtate of affairs to the weſtward has rendered indiſpenſable.

We are concerned to hear that the winds and currents have retarded the ſucceſs of our intentions, as to the arrival of *ſome* † *of the ſhips* ſent by us from hence, with ſupplies to you. The winds have, however, of late been more favourable, and probably they will have ſoon

* See in anſwer, from p. 282 to 288. J. S. 1784.

† What is here called *ſome of the ſhips*, was in fact the *whole* convoy under Captain Haliday, which came in ſight only the 7th of June; and without which, our operations ☞ could not have begun before Cuddalore. The ſupplies from the ſouthward could be of no uſe independent of Captain Haliday's convoy. As to the *grateful alluſion*, it perhaps refers to certain *pick'd* words of my Letter (p. 151.)—Had I known or ſuſpected what was to happen, or of ſuch miſapplication of my words, nothing grateful, *even in civil expreſſion*, would have been made uſe of by me in correſpondence with Lord M. &c.—for I owe *there* no gratitude upon any account!—It was a known *agreed* point, that the movements of our Army were to keep pace with that very convoy, as was the caſe (ſee Remarks fronting p. 112); and if ſo, it conſequently follows, that all the *penmanſhip* in the ſequel of this Letter, dividing the diſtance to Cuddalore into marches of three miles a-day, &c. brings the ridiculous caſuiſtry home to the *authors*. My daily correſpondence will, with every impartial judge, evince the propriety of the movements of the Army under my command, ſuited to the circumſtances, both reſpecting the carriage and proviſions of the Army, the *ſtrength* and *vicinity* of the French, and the progreſs by ſea. J. S. 1784.

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arrived. Our intentions, as to ſupplies from the ſouthward, are not, in this ſeaſon, ſubject to the ſame delay; and we are now only particularly anxious for the fulfilling of your intentions as to your inveſtment of Cuddalore, which we ſhall conſider as the ſincereſt teſtimony of *the gratitude you are pleaſed to expreſs*, and the fitteſt return to be paid by you for our attention. You marched from hence the 21ſt of April,—had you arrived before Cuddalore at the date of your laſt Letter, when you had not arrived there, it would ſtill be under an average of three miles a-day. There is no * *theory* that can account for ſuch a practice, and ſtill leſs that the carriage of the Army, which, by the regular returns, might have amounted to a ſufficiency of twenty-five days proviſions, ſhould be reduced to nine. If occaſioned by fatigue, it muſt have been by long marches on ſome days to compenſate for unneceſſary inactivity for many days. In January 1782, Sir Eyre Coote marched to Vellore, left three months proviſions in that garriſon†, and returned here in 15 days: he did it in the face of the enemy, and haraſſed by the enemy, and yet no very ſenſible diminution of

* See on what occaſion I apply the *theory*, ☞ p. 152. J. S. 1784.

† I will not here bring in diſcuſſion the name of Sir Eyre Coote, with *that* Government which detracted from the merits of that able and moſt deſerving General, almoſt upon every occaſion under their notice, *while he was alive*. Sir Eyre Coote marched rapidly to Vellore, ſupplied that garriſon, and returned likewiſe rapidly, becauſe it was his *only* object, and he calculated his rice accordingly; he could not have ſtayed one day longer than he did. While Sir Eyre Coote was in Bengal, it ought to have been remembered by ☞ Lord M. and S. C., that in February 1783, I dared the *old* force of the *late* Hyder Ally, headed by his *ſon*, and ſtrengthened by twelve hundred *French* regulars, under their French General, and cannonaded them in their *flight* (ſee the ſeparate Journal and Plan in this Collection), while I was employed about the demolition of Vandewaſh; and in like manner and time, I alſo ſupplied the Garriſon of Vellore, and returned *quickly* in the firſt week of March following; and on both occaſions I could *not* have remained a day longer than to do the ſervice propoſed. But where is the analogy in the two caſes? the one, as cited, to throw proviſions into a garriſon, or for a particular *ſhort* ſervice; the other, as in the campaign againſt Cuddalore, to ſecure a magazine of proviſions and ſtores ſufficient for the *ſteady* operations againſt a place containing a greater number of French *Regular* Troops, than were ever before known in India, and *exceeding*, in that reſpect, our numbers by one-third. J. S. 1784.

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the carriage of the Army was felt at that time. In your march you met with little difficulty; your convoys were not intercepted or haraſſed; the carriage of the Army had only to contend, if you had pleaſed, with very little fatigue, in proportion to the time. If in your future operations the carriage with the Army is to be diminiſhed in the ſame proportion, that is from * twenty-five days proviſions to nine, in the ſpace of five weeks, no reſources or exertions can be adequate to your demands. Had you predicted, as you ſay, the diminution you relate, it muſt have been from a prediction of the cauſes of it, and it became your duty to provide againſt them. It was your eſpecial duty to mention your prediction to the Select Committee, that we might have known at leaſt upon what to reckon. Had we been furniſhed with your prediction, we ſhould have endeavoured to have obviated the cauſes, or to make up for the effects: but ſuch a diminution could only have been occaſioned by ſome miſtake in your arrangements †, or ſome defect in the execution of them under your command; to rectify the former, and ſupply the latter, muſt be the objects of your judgment and authority. But in your *reluctance* ‡, when at the Preſidency, to

* See firſt parag. ☞ Extr. p. 423. J. S. 1784.

† My anſwer to the whole of this *ſort* of reaſoning is, by a reference to my *original* Plan of Operations, and to my *daily* correſpondence after leaving the Preſidency, aſſigning the reaſons for every thing that happened.—I deny that there was any miſtake in *my* arrangements, calculations, or execution; the *miſtake*, to make uſe of the mildeſt term that occurs to me, was, in the *vicious* arrangement and counteraction of Lord Macartney and Select Committee, immediately tending to *prevent* the approach of the Southern Force towards the Coleroon in May, as may be traced by the direct or indirect correſpondence on that ſubject.—My progreſs would otherwiſe have been ſeaſonable, and the ſucceſs ſure, and every thing that unfortunately happened *at ſea*, would have been moſt probably avoided, and the fate of France by ſea and land in India (if M. Suffrein had put it to the riſk), would have been determined with *éclat* againſt them. J. S. 1784.

‡ The words here moſt *unjuſtly* and *inſidiouſly* inſerted, are totally devoid of foundation in fact.—It is impoſſible to follow out the Right Honourable Preſident, &c. in ſuch inſinuations, without bringing forward an infinity of papers to overload this Collection; my Minutes on conſultation, and my actions, will equally diſprove, that ever I had the ſmalleſt *reluctance* to any meaſures of real ſervice in any ſituation that ever fell to my lot.

to move the Army towards the enemy, when you made ſo many other objections, you would not have failed to have dwelt upon the proſpect of the rapid diminution of the Army-carriage, had there been any appearance or foundation for expecting, or any pretence for not being able to guard againſt ſuch an event. Such a diminution *, if not juſtifiable, would at leaſt be leſs remarkable, if in your practice you

* See on this very point my *firſt* Letter after leaving the Preſidency, p. 13 to 17.
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lot.—My Letters, after leaving the Preſidency in April, will ſhew on what *ſolid* grounds I prepared to fill the magazine at Chingleput *before* the Army moved. It was on this account that the day of marching was delayed.—The charge of *reluctance* thus brought forward, obliges me to depart in ſome ſort from the plan I had laid down to defer bringing forward my own Minutes *ſeparately*, previous to the march of the Army, the advance ☞ of which was at Permacoyl on the 26th of April, *in ſight* of Pondicherry and the French. One of my Minutes on that ſubject ſtands on record, of which the following is an Extract.
J. S. 1784.

## EXTRACT.

Major General STUART's Minute in Committee:

*Fort St. George, April* 14, 1783.

" I ſhall ſay nothing here of Colonel Pearce's examination upon the Preſident's " queſtions, but take my own time and place for that; neither any thing more of the " three motions, or *means* of carriage with this Army; my reaſoning on that head goes ☞ " to the *proof* of things as I know *they turn out from experience*, and not from poring " over paper returns.

" I ſhall now hurry over all that the Preſident obſerves on *action* and *inaction*, and the " conſequences, applicable as they really are betwixt his firſt day the 5th, my ſup- " poſed fortnight, ending the 9th, his other fixed day the 15th, and their diſtance from " the day *which I myſelf had fixed*, the 21ſt inſtant.

" The Right Honourable Preſident's facetious expreſſion of *ſuperabundant caution on* ☞ " *my part, concerning the junction of Colonel Lang's force*, with that under my com- " mand, for certain purpoſes and reaſons ſtated in the plan * of operations (April 8), laid " before the Committee, naturally leads me to requeſt of them to ſettle ſomething with " preciſion as to that Paper, which is diſtinctly divided into certain heads, ſo as I may " know what to truſt to, and alſo that our conſtituents may know preciſely where *re-* ☞ " *ſponſibility in all caſes reſts*. The criſis is the moſt important that ever occurred. I

* See p. 7, 8. Art. 14. 16, 17, of that Plan. J. S. 1784.



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had even equalled on this preſſing occaſion the moſt meaſured cautions and gradual marches of other men, and it might be overlooked if you had been rapid in the attainment of your object; but, in the preſent caſe, you loſe without gaining, you are ſlow and not ſure: the enemy is ſaid to have been ſuffered by that ſlowneſs to have received a ſupply of proviſions from the weſtward—that ſlowneſs has rendered your ſucceſs leſs ſure *. A General, we humbly conceive, is neither to be

* The judgment and opinion of Lord Macartney, &c. when they thus reaſon abſtractly on the duties of a General, are in ſuch eſtimation with me, that I ſhall make no obſervation! I gave them my reaſons for declining to withdraw the orders I had given to Colonel Fullarton (p. 282); and that officer judged *of himſelf* very properly (though unfortunately too late to be of any uſe), † that his duty called upon him even to diſobey the impolitic and injudicious orders ‡, which this Letter was the *prelude* to his receiving, and which *followed* (as I believe) the Letters of Mr. J. Sulivan addreſſed to the Select Committee, dated 28th of May, p. 167, 168. J. S. 1784.

† State of Facts, p. 23. 31. ‡ P. 286 to 288.

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" have given in my plan, and it neither ſerves for inſtruction nor rule to *me*, to have the " Preſident's lucubrations and eſſays in general upon it.

" I ſhall therefore deſire not only to take the ſenſe of the Committee upon that plan " article by article, but alſo that it be exactly aſcertained with what military cheſt this " Army is to proceed; or, if we are to march without a ſhilling, and with all the ar- " rears due as ſtated in that Paper? I cannot help, in this place, obſerving on the Pre- " ſident's very ſingular mode of diſcuſſing the moſt important public buſineſs exemplified " in the arrangement of matters in the laſt Committee.—It met at eight in the evening " of the ninth day ſince the *laſt* Committee, and a week had intervened from the *former* " one, the Select Committee being at the time the *real* Government and *efficient* public " authority under the Hon. Company.

" When this laſt Committee met at that unuſual hour, I imagined it was in conſe- " quence of Letters of importance received from the Admiral (*that day arrived*), but, " to my great ſurprize, our precious time was taken up by an examination of Colonel " Pearce upon a matter of *opinion* on a movement of the Army, which was known and " agreed, *not to take place*; and, what is ſtill more odd, at paſt eleven at night, Captain " Johnſtone, late commandant and engineer at Negapatam, was *ſuddenly* introduced into " the room, to anſwer certain leading *prepared* queſtions of the Preſident concerning the " *former* ſtate of Negapatam, and of its powers of defence; on the ſubject of which, " and the propriety of the demolition, there is a very ſerious difference of opinion betwixt

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ſo active as to be raſh, nor ſo prudent as to be inactive;—the line to be followed between thoſe extremes muſt vary a little, as circumſtances may afford time, or preſs to action; our ſituation leans to the latter, and calls for exertion. This is our theory, and until it is corrected, we ſhall think it our duty to require of you to conform to it in practice. We have to obſerve, that there is ſometimes an advantage in ſpirited attempts, independent of their ultimate ſucceſs. The attack of Bidenore drew Tippoo Sahib from the Carnatic, and has given you an opportunity of extinguiſhing the French power on this coaſt, before he can return to it. Whoever may be the actual poſſeſſor of Bidenore, we ſtill poſſeſs the principal ſea port on the coaſt of Malabar; we ſtill feel the benefit of General Mathews's progreſs; the wrecks of his victory, or, even ſuppoſing his defeat, will be found to overtop the ſucceſſes of moſt other commanders.

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" this Government and the Governor General and Council of Bengal, ſo far as to be the " ſubject of a *proteſt*.

" When we were on our legs near *midnight*, and ready to retire, the Preſident *recol-* " *lected* he had received Letters from the Admiral, and began to read them; one of the " Gentlemen deſired they might be ſent round, which has not yet been done.

" The contents of one Letter *, particularly ſtruck me, where the Admiral (if I rightly " recollect) deſires to know, " *if there is to be any plan of action, where the co-operation of* ☞ " *the Squadron was needed, and that it was at the ſervice of Government.*" This ſingle " Letter, had it been *firſt read*, would have removed all the neceſſity of old diſcuſſions; " for this was the great *deſideratum*.—It is now removed, and let us proceed to ſettle the " time and other parts of the plan of *conjunct operations*, without any more paper war, " which, for my part (*though waged defenſively*), I am moſt heartily tired of, and indeed " have not now leiſure to continue.

" I offer this as an additional reaſon for requeſting the Committee to enter into an im- " mediate diſcuſſion of *the plan* I had the honour to preſent the 8th inſtant, and to let " me know what money is to be iſſued for the uſe of the Army, the caſh cheſt being re-

☞ * See Letter of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes to the Sel. Com. immediately on his return from Bombay, dated April 13, 1783.

We are pleaſed to hear that the appearance of French ſhips at Cuddalore will not affect your operations. No French ſhips, however, we yet hope, can have arrived there; but we repeat, that if you do not preſs your operations, ſo as to make up for the delay which has hitherto intervened, the announced return to Madras of Sir Edward Hughes in the courſe of this month, and the arrival of the French Fleet with ſuccours at Cuddalore, may defeat the ſucceſs of your operations. We therefore hope and deſire, that your compliance with our wiſhes * will prevent the neceſſity of our addreſſing them to another.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^R DAVIDSON.

* The concluſion of this unbecoming Letter, full of deſigned reaſoning on groundleſs or falſe principles, is of a piece with all that preceded. Lord Macartney and Select Committee moſt undoubtedly put their threats into execution (though in a different way), ſome few weeks after, which I anticipate here, and refer to the anſwer I thought proper to give on that occaſion (N° 5, p. 303). J. S. 1784.

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" ported to me, after payment of the Europeans in the Company's ſervice their current " ſubſiſtence, to be almoſt, if not entirely empty.

" The Army would have undoubtedly moved on the 21ſt inſtant, as mentioned in that " Paper, whether the Admiral had arrived or not, therefore the *laſt* words of the Right " Hon. Preſident's Minute (which might better have been the *firſt*), where he ſays, that ☞ " the arrival of the Admiral this day with his fleet, it is hoped, will remove all objections " to ſpeedy operations againſt the enemy, are totally unneceſſary, if expreſſed with any " *real* public good intention; for as to myſelf, I never had any objections to *ſpeedy* operations againſt the enemy on the preſent, or on any other occaſion, when directed by " ſound judgment, the conſequence of real experience in the affairs of this country, and " *of the proper mode to conduct military operations.*"

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From

## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

(Received by M. G. S. June 10.)

*Daraporam, June* 1, 1783.

I HAD the honour to write to you on the 25th, informing you of my reaſons for moving towards this place, and of my anxiety to hear from you, ſomething deciſive reſpecting my future operations; but as yet I have not received any Letter from you ſince the 16th.

This Army encamped before this place on the 30th at four in the afternoon, after a march of nearly twelve hours; I immediately inſpected the ground adjoining to the fort, and at three in the morning I proceeded, with ſome Europeans, and two battalions of Sepoys, to take poſſeſſion of a very ſtrong poſt on the weſtern ſide of the *Ambrady* river, within 300 yards of the fort. I had the men under cover before day-light, opened a ſmall mortar battery at eight, and by three in the afternoon had a battery of three guns, with which we effected a breach barely practicable, by half paſt ſix o'clock. The ditch, though dry, is very deep and broad. The ſcarpe and counterſcarpe both reveted and ſtrengthened by a very conſiderable berm; ſo that an obſtinate enemy might have given us much trouble: but the Killedar and his people †

* This Letter was received by me on the ſame day with the Colonel's former Letter, of May 25th (p. 407 to 410.); and, at the ſame time, I alſo received Mr. J. Sulivan's Letter of May 29th, with the Encloſure (p. 410 to 412). See on this ſubject my Letter to the Select Committee, June 10th (p. 199 to 204). J. S. 1784.

† Although I have no doubt of Colonel Fullarton's ſpirited conduct upon every occaſion where needed on ſervice; yet perhaps there was no call for it on the preſent one at Daraporam. I decline here to give the deſcription (in my poſſeſſion) of what is called the ſiege of this place, and its conſequence, compared with the opinion of Lord M. and S. C. expreſſed in their Letter to C. F. of June 17th (p. 286 to 288); what I ſhall only here notice is, that the Colonel's Army carried with them, or conſumed in *five* days, the whole grain found there. And, had that place been of much greater conſequence than it was, it certainly was no object comparatively with his being at the time (June 1ſt) at Trichinopoly. J. S. 1784.

not chuſing to hazard a ſtorm, the grenadiers under Captain Moody entered the breach this morning at day-break, without reſiſtance. I have ſpared the lives of all the people in the place, and ſet at liberty all but thoſe of condition, whom I have detained, in hopes of information from them. There are large quantities of grain and a conſiderable magazine of powder already diſcovered, beſides much grain in the neighbourhood,—I preſume not leſs than 40 or 50,000 cullums of paddy. I ſhall tranſmit you, Sir, an exact deſcription of the place, and a ſtate of things found in it, as ſoon as it can be prepared.

If I have not the honour of hearing from you before that time *, I ſhall think it my duty to ſtate to you, Sir, the exact idea I have formed of the ſituation of this Army and the circumſtances under which I act, in order that you may give ſuch directions as you ſhall judge neceſſary, on ſo important a ſubject. I encloſed ſeveral Letters and Papers to Mr. Cochrane for your peruſal about ſix days ago; and have the honour, &c.

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

* I had at the time wrote to the Colonel, through Mr. J. Sulivan and Mr. B. Cochrane, in every direction, as may be ſeen, by reference, in this collection,—ſufficient, as I imagined, to have brought him towards the Coleroon. J. S. 1784.

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From

## From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June* 9, 1783.

YESTERDAY his Majeſty's ſhip the Naiade arrived here, and brought Letters from the Admiral, informing us that the Argonaut of 74 guns, the Cleopatra and Coventry frigates, with ſome ſtore-ſhips, having eſcaped from Trincomalee, and ſailed to the relief of Cuddalore, he had immediately proceeded to Tranquebar, from whence his Letter is dated. Encloſed is a copy of it, as alſo his anſwer to ours of a former date,

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From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Vice Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES.

Negapatam, June 7, 1783.

*About one o'clock this morning I was honoured with your Letter of the 3d, and I now encloſe you a copy of my Letter to Mr. Sulivan, by which you will perceive what meaſures I have taken for the completing you with water; but I have reaſon to think, that from the great ſcarcity of that eſſential article at Tranquebar, that you will be twice the time in watering your Fleet there, than you otherwiſe will be were you to ſend part of your ſhips here, and to* Vellany *or* Senior-Sahody, *five miles to the ſouthward of this; and I am apt to believe that I ſhall find ſome difficulty in prevailing on the Cattamaran people to proceed to Tranquebar; and, after they do arrive there, they may be enticed away by the French and Dutch; for within theſe few days, not leſs than* 50 *Cattamaran men have been enticed away from the Coopongs here, and I am told they are now at Tranquebar, while thoſe I expect from the ſouth remain here under my own eye. I ſhall take care that they ſhall have ſuch encouragement as to induce them not to run away, alſo to recal thoſe that have deſerted the Coopongs here, who, in all likelihood, are now in the pay of the French.*

*You will be ſo kind to let me know what ſupply of cattle you require for your Fleet, that I may write to Mr. Sulivan about it, who will procure them from the Tondeman's country. I gave the Active all the ſtock I had, which conſiſted of* 38 *bullocks, and I think* 150 *ſheep. I have ſent for more in this neighbourhood. I wrote you a Letter laſt night, and I diſpatch off this without loſs of time, that you may order up what ſhips you think proper. I ſhall anſwer for ſupplying you with* 30 *Cattamarans to-morrow, and they ſhall encreaſe in proportion; ſeveral Cattamaran men that are now with me, deſire me to aſſure you of this; but they refuſe going to Tranquebar. The families of the Boat or Cattamaran men, will aſſiſt in bringing the water from the wells to the river, in which the Cattamarans will lay while they receive the water.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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date, relative to returning here in order to water and take in proviſions. Sir Richard Strahan, intending to ſail to the ſouthward in order to join the Admiral, has conſented to call upon the coaſt, and to convey to you 40,000 Pagodas, which are now ſent on board him, as alſo ſome military ſtores. As the Admiral is ſuppoſed to be on the coaſt, it is preſumed the Naiade will arrive in ſafety.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^r DAVIDSON.

(N° 1.)

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From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Mr. J. SULIVAN.

(Communicated to the Admiral, June 7.)

Negapatam, June 7, 1783.

*What with going out in the boat yeſterday, in hopes of meeting with the Admiral, alſo writing till very late laſt night, I did not find myſelf well when the encloſed Letter came to hand at one o'clock this morning, otherwiſe I ſhould have immediately forwarded it; but as Sir Edward's Letter to me (which I ſend for your peruſal), dated the 3d inſtant off Point-Pedro*, contains nothing new, and, as I ſuppoſe, the Letter to you is of the ſame date, I thought it would be as well to defer diſpatching the Tappal, until I could inform you what meaſures have been taken by me, in order to procure Cattamaran people and boats for the purpoſe of watering the Flee now at anchor at Tranquebar, in conſequence of a Letter received from Mr. Mackintoſh, dated yeſterday afternoon, informing me, that the Admiral wiſhes to water his Fleet at Tranquebar, and requeſts every aſſiſtance I can give him to effect that end; for, if he does not get it quickly, he will be under the neceſſity of returning to Madras.*

*I have this inſtant wrote a circular Letter to all the Amildars and Monegars belonging to the Rajah on the coaſt to the ſouthward of this, requeſting them to ſend all the boats, Cattamarans, and people here that they poſſibly can, without loſs of time; and I have ſent proper people to take a liſt of the ſame, with money to advance for the maintenance of the Cattamaran people's families during their abſence.*

*The head Cattamaran man here, who is looked upon as the chief all over this coaſt, is gone on this buſineſs, and will explain to the people that they may depend on regular payment. Enſign Clarke has been ſo kind to let me have 18 Sepoys, who are to eſcort the Cattamarans and boats here.*

* See p. 416.



*I ſend*

(N° 1.)

[Encloſure in the preceding.]

From Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES to the Select Committee.

*Superb, off Tranquebar, the 4th June* 1783.

CRUIZING off Trincomalée with the ſquadron, two Engliſh priſoners eſcaped from one of the French ſhips in Back Bay, and gave me information of the Argonaut 74, Cleopatra and Coventry frigates, with four ſtore-ſhips, having been diſpatched, on Thurſday laſt, to Cuddalore, and to return again with troops to man the ſhips of war; which determined me

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*I ſend you a copy of my circular Letter, by which you will perceive, that I have mentioned that the urgency of the ſervice required my taking this ſtep, which I doubted not the Rajah would approve of, and that they might depend upon a regular order being ſent them ſoon, which I beg you to procure. I ſhould imagine that Cattamarans will be moſt convenient for the purpoſe of carrying off the water, becauſe the bar at Tranquebar is ſhut, and all the ſpare Chillingas will be required for the public ſervice at Cuddalore; alſo for the landing and re-ſhipping of the grain arrived here and at Nagore; and this double trouble is unavoidable, for the greater number of the boats or veſſels with grain have other articles of merchandize, and do not chooſe to proceed to Cuddalore, which obliges me to hire other veſſels to carry the rice and grain thither.*

*The leaſt each ſhip on an average expends, I am told, is 3 butts per day, and each Cattamaran will make 2 trips with 2 butts on the Cattamaran; ſo that 24 Cattamarans will be required to carry one day's water for the Fleet. You will be able to judge by that the additional number required, for the purpoſe of completing Sir Edward in his water without loſs of time. In ſhort, I ſhould ſuppoſe that not leſs than 300 Cattamarans will be required to enable the Admiral to return ſoon to Trincomalee, before the expected reinforcements can have joined Mr. Suffrein. I ſhall write to Sir Edward concerning this, and propoſe to him his ſending ſome of his ſhips up here, to water, and particularly to Senior-Sahody, five miles to the ſouthward of this, where the bar is deep at all times, and the water is of the beſt quality, and near at hand. The water here is alſo good, and in greater abundance, and nearer than at Tranquebar; for I lately had all the wells cleaned out, expecting the Fleet would water here.*

*I ſhall write to the Admiral to know what number of cattle he may require, that you may procure them in time from the Tondeman's country.*

I ſend you encloſed tranſlate of the news from Tranquebar. This day's Tappal has brought me your Letter of yeſterday.

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

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me to proceed to the coaſt after them; and, as they ſaid, I believe it proved, having chaſed three ſail all yeſterday to the northward, as far as this place, when night coming on loſt ſight of them; they had all the appearance of the Argonaut and two frigates on their return: I ſhall ſatisfy myſelf of it, by ſending in here for intelligence, and, if neceſſary, looking into Cuddalore, then return to my former ſtation, where I ſhall remain as long as circumſtances will admit; and, on my way to Madras, look into Cuddalore again, where I hope, nevertheleſs, the Army, with my naval detachment, has ſucceeded. I left 14 ſail of the line, with 5 or 6 large ſtore-ſhips with proviſions and ſtores for the Army, lying in Back Bay, Trincomalée.

(Signed) EDWᴰ HUGHES.

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From Vice Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

Superb, June 7, 1783.

*I have juſt now received your Letter of this day's date, with a copy of that to Mr. Sulivan; no boats or Cattamarans have brought any water this day to the Squadron, and I find* 40 *butts a-day is the outſide of what could be furniſhed; the daily expence of the Squadron is nearly* 140 *butts; all above that, is the encreaſe, and I conclude* 60 *head of cattle a-day.—Such a ſupply would enable us to prolong our ſtay to the ſouthward; but what are we to do, for our ſick are in great numbers afflicted with ſcurvy? I proceed with the Squadron off Trincomalee to-morrow at break of day, in purſuit of the enemy, and at my return, which muſt be ſoon, ſhall be able to judge, by your information, if we can be ſupplied with a ſufficient quantity of water and cattle to give freſh proviſion to our people.*

(Signed) EDWᴰ HUGHES.

*The number and ſtate of the ſick will admit of nothing without certainty.*

From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Mr. J. SULIVAN.

Negapatam, June 8, 1783.

*I ſend you encloſed the Admiral's anſwer to my Letter of yeſterday, by which you will perceive he means to return here ſoon. I ſhall uſe every exertion to procure the number of Cattamarans as mentioned in my Letter of yeſterday, and keep them in readineſs here to puſh off the inſtant the Fleet returns, which, I ſhould imagine, will be in a week at fartheſt; and Sir Edward allows that time for every thing to be got ready, and I hope not to diſappoint him. Much depends on the Rajah's people entering heartily into the cauſe, which, no doubt, will be effected through your repreſentations.*

(N° 2.)

[Enclosure in the preceding.]

## From Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES to the Select Committee.

*Superb, off Tranquebar, 6th June, 1783.*

SINCE my Letter of the 4th, wherein you was acquainted of the intelligence received, which determined me to come to the northward, left the detachment of the Argonaut, and frigates from the French ſquadron to Cuddalore, ſhould impede the operations of the Army, I have looked into that

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*I have been very fortunate in procuring a large ſtock of garden ſeeds, which, together with what country greens that have lately been cultivated, there will be plenty of vegetables for the ſick of the Fleet. The only thing remaining is the want of cattle, which the Kivellore countries do not produce; but whatever there are fit for ſlaughter, and not employed in the cultivating of the lands, ſhall be immediately got together; but all I ſhall be able to procure will be a mere trifle, ſo that I muſt rely entirely on your influence with the Tondeman, &c. for cattle; and when they are procured, I requeſt they may be kept in the Tillinair country near the woods; for, by having a number collected in this neighbourhood, it would only induce the enemy's horſe to come and carry them away, diſperſe the Cattamaran men that I ſhall have in readineſs, and oblige me to retire on board the grain veſſels, likewiſe Mr. Clarke and the Company of Sepoys. The Cattamaran men that are collected from the Rajah's country, I purpoſe keeping at Senior Sahody until the arrival of the Fleet, in order to avoid ſuſpicion. After the Coleroon is ſo full as to prevent horſe paſſing, I ſhall not have occaſion to act with ſuch caution.*

*I have a Letter from Mr. M'Intoſh, who was on board the Admiral all yeſterday, and was deſired by the Admiral to write me, that the ſame Squadron that was ordered by him for the blockade of Cuddalore, was ſtationed off there. By this the Active is ſafe, and I ſuppoſe the rice veſſels and boats alſo; Sir Edward heard a very heavy firing near Cuddalore on the 5th inſtant.*

*This morning early I went to Nagore, and ſaw the Fleet get under way, and, as I imagined, proceed to the northward. I ordered the colour man there to make a certain ſignal in caſe he ſaw the Fleet tack to the ſouthward. He has not yet made the ſignal, and I can diſcern no ſhips from the top of my houſe here. This appears odd, and makes me think Sir Edward has altered his plan, and is gone to the northward, and perhaps may remain there until he hears what ſuccours we can give him here. I ſhall write Captain Haliday frequently how I encreaſe in my ſtock of Cattamarans and cattle, and ſhould Sir Edward be really gone north, he will have early information of the ſame.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

that road and ſatisfied myſelf; there was only one ſtore-ſhip unloading, nearly in the ſurf, with a faſt to the ſhore. On my return to the ſouthward I am this morning joined by the Naiade, with your Letter of the 21ſt of laſt month, earneſtly beſeeching me to take ſuch means as will render it unneceſſary for me to return to Madras on or before the end of this month, which is as long as our water, ſtores, and proviſions can be prudently made to hold out; there is no water to be had at any other place on the coaſt, or Ceylon, for the ſupply of ſo large a ſquadron:—at Batacalo and Porto-novo they are the friends of the French, of courſe our enemies: I will however try at Tranquebar or Negapatam; and, you may depend, hold out to the laſt

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From Mr. B. COCHRANE to Vice Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES.

Negapatam, June 10, 1783.

*Your Letter of the 7th 9 P. M. came to hand next morning at nine o'clock, after you had got under way, and ſtood to the northward. I ſaw you from the top of the Mineret at Nagore, where I went early in the morning, in order to ſee if any of your ſhips moved this way in conſequence of my Letter to you of the 7th, and to give the neceſſary orders at that place.—On ſeeing your Fleet ſtand to the* north, *I judged you muſt have intercepted ſome intelligence which induced you to alter your determination for proceeding* ſouth, *which would appear, by the encloſed paper of intelligence of laſt night from Tranquebar. The ſame perſon wrote me of date the* 8th, "*that* "*Seyd Sahib has received a Letter from Goa, of the* 16th *May, mentioning that Bidenore had* "*been relieved by a party from Mangalore, in conſequence of which General Mathews ſallied* "*and made Tippoo retreat to a conſiderable diſtance.*" *Lieut. Knox alſo received a Letter from Lieut. Halcutt, dated Palamcottah the* 4th *inſtant; the following is Extract:* "*Letters* "*from Gen. Mathews of the* 6th ult. *mention, that a battalion of Sepoys from Mangalore had* "*arrived at Bidenore; that the General had obliged Tippoo to retreat eight miles from the fort,* "*in which there are two years proviſions; and that there is not the leaſt chance of Tippoo's being* "*able to take the place before it is relieved.*"—*I have a Letter from Major Bruce, dated the* 8th *at Trichinopoly, wherein he ſays,* "*This moment a Letter is received from Colonel Fullarton,* ☞ "*informing me that General Mathews was well in Bidenore the* 12th *May, and that Tippoo* "*has been beat off in two attacks with great loſs.—Upon this good news I beg leave to congratulate* "*you.*"

*Yeſterday morning I received from Tanjore the orders from the palace for all the boat and Cattamarans from* Adrianapatam, *as far as* Trimalawaſh; *duplicates of which have been ſent from the palace direct to the different Amildars, with threats of puniſhment, if they do not immediately comply. I have now ready* 50 *Cattamarans and* 4 *Chillingas, beſides* 5 *other Chillingas that are employed in landing and ſhipping merchandize or grain. Theſe are only the Catamarans of the neighbouring villages, ſo that you will conceive what will arrive in five days time; at preſent, ſhould you think proper to ſend up one or two ſhips at a time, the buſineſs would*

laſt poſſible moment. I am very ſorry to acquaint you the crews of the ſhips laſt arrived from Europe begin to be much affected with the ſcurvy, particularly the Gibraltar, Inflexible, Defence, Africa, and Briſtol. Nothing had arrived to reinforce, while I was off the Fryar's-Hood, or Trincomalee; I conclude the French ſquadron and ſtore-ſhips will come this way as ſoon as convenient; but I hope it will be my good fortune, while we can continue to the ſouthward, to intercept them. I am much obliged to you for the liſt and ſtate of the French ſquadron, which I have received before, I believe from the ſame hand.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDW$^{D}$ HUGHES.

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*ſoon be finiſhed.—I would propoſe the watering of the ſhips here and at Nagore; at the latter place there is a very large tank to the northward of the river, about* 400 *yards diſtance. The inhabitants of the village near there, drink it in preference to the water of a very fine well cloſe to it, that is perfectly clear. Doctor Rollo attended me there, and we found both waters to be good. There is beſides this, another tank on the ſame ſide of the river as Nagore; but I believe the water is not ſo good, though it is uſed in common for the ſhipping, which may be on account of its being near at hand. There is here, you know, about* 9 *or* 10 *wells. I have ordered ſhades or pendalls to be erected here and at Nagore for the coopers to work under.*

*Mr. Sulivan has wrote you a Letter, which I forwarded yeſterday to Mr. M$^{c}$Intoſh; he has not wrote me concerning the number of cattle he will be able to procure, but I ſhould imagine there can be no want, as Col. Fullarton's Army, on the return to the Coleroon, can make a ſweep in Tippoo's country, and bring with him enough to laſt you for* 6 *months. Concerning this I have wrote him.*

*Within the lines here, cloſe to the hoſpital that is demoliſhed, there are three private houſes that can be hired for your ſick, and they can hold near* 600 *men. There is alſo in the citadel five or ſix large Godowns ſtill ſtanding untouched; and there is alſo the Governor's ſtables remaining, which happens to be private property. I am thus particular, becauſe you might wiſh to have all your ſick within the lines, which may be defended with a very ſmall body of men. At preſent there is only a company of Sepoys here, but Gen. Stuart can order the force to be encreaſed. As to vegetables, you can now have in plenty, and in a ſhort time you will have in abundance for all your Fleet; for all the people are buſy cultivating their gardens, and ſowing every kind of green that is good for the ſcurvy. I have now a ſtock of* 60 *cattle for your ſick.*

*There is juſt now off here a great way out at ſea a ſhip and ſnow ſtanding to the ſouthward, and I hope it is ſome of your cruizers, and that they will ſtand in with the ſea breeze. I am in*

 *daily*

## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. June 16.]

*Averacouchy*, 10*th June*, 1783.

I HAD *yeſterday afternoon* the honour to receive your Letter 31ſt May, directing me poſitively to march the Army, without delay, towards the Coleroon, and informing me that I ſhall receive farther inſtructions from

### * REMARKS.

This Letter is ſuppoſed to be in anſwer to mine of May 31ſt, (p. 162 to 164.)—It was received by me at the unfortunate and alarming criſis, when M. Suffrein became maſter at ſea at Cuddalore. ☞ See p. 226 to 236.

Colonel Fullarton, in the courſe of this Letter, has in view a *public tribunal*; he cannot therefore but owe ſome obligation to me, in bringing it forward. I fairly confeſs, with all due reſpect, to that or any tribunal, my *firſt* view in collecting the preſent materials is, to ſatisfy *myſelf*—I ſay ſo, in preference even to the judgment of the *national Aſſembly*, which ſeems likewiſe in *his* view, becauſe (without intention on *my* part to offend) their deciſion might turn on the *politics* of the times. I ſhall ſtate and ſpeak to the evidence of Facts and Circumſtances, which I ſhall not decline laying before any of the Colonel's tribunals; *but my firſt object is, moſt undoubtedly, ſelf-ſatisfaction*, with a conviction of the propriety of my own conduct in the command of the Army, and of every order or communication to *Colonel Fullarton*, or to other officers under my command. That primary point once ſettled (being the caſe with me *now*), I am become more indifferent to *events ſeemingly*

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*daily expectation of receiving ſome turtle from Col. Martinz, and I have got the Nagore merchants to write to their correſpondents in the Ramnad country, to purchaſe and bring down for your Fleet all the fowls they can procure.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

### EXTRACT.

From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

Tanjore, June 11, 1783.

" *I am not without hopes of being able to ſupply the Admiral with ſome cattle for ſlaughter, but I fear not beyond* 500 *bullocks, and about* 1000 *ſheep. You will be pleaſed to embrace the earlieſt opportunity of conveying this intelligence to the Admiral.*"

from you on my march. In obedience to this order, which you are pleaſed to give me as my immediate commander, and by the authority of the Government under which we act, I have moved this morning to Averacouchy, where I am joined by Captain Clarke's detachment, and to-morrow morning I ſhall proceed towards *Trichinopoly*, by Caroor.

I regret, Sir, that the different Letters I have had the honour of addreſſing to you ſince I aſſumed the command of this Army, although five in number, of the 12th, 18th, and 25th of May, and of the 1ſt and 7th * of June ſhould have been ſo obſcurely expreſſed, as to leave you

*ſeemingly unfortunate*, as I have them not equally under my command, and am not anſwerable for them.

In my communication or correſpondence with officers in certain high ſituations, relative to the execution of the military ſervice, eſpecially with ſuch as *wiſhed* for, and *enjoyed* my confidence in that reſpect, it never entered into my thoughts, that they could have *crooked political views*; I gave them, therefore, full communication *as to ſoldiers in the broad military way*; and it made no difference with me, whether my Letters *on ſuch ſubjects*, either directly to them, or through the *medium* of others, were conſidered as *official*, or otherwiſe, as I had nothing but the public ſervice in view. In like manner, I looked upon the Letters I might at any time, or in any way receive from *Colonel Lang*, *Colonel Fullarton*, or others, in ſimilar caſes. If they, or any other officer, having, as I imagined, the *military* public ſervice *ſolely* in view, and deſerving of confidence,—if, I ſay, an officer of this deſcription informs me, that he wiſhes further communication of my ideas, I gave it him as a *brother ſoldier*, without difference of rank or ſituation; and I was induced to believe, *from his own words*, whether officially or confidentially expreſſed, ☞ that *my* opinions would have weight with him. Politics and political men may vary; but, in military ſervice, *a ſoldier's* plain meaning on profeſſional ſubjects, is commonly conveyed in few words, and eaſily underſtood, ſuppoſing but *one line* to look to; and, if the Commander in Chief, *as in my caſe*, had given proofs of military confidence to officers in high ſituations, he had every reaſon to expect a *co-operation* in every ſenſe of the word, even *without poſitive orders*, which, from various reaſons, might not be competent at the time (ſee p. 53 and † 439).

This I offer as *my* individual anſwer to the *general* reaſoning made uſe of in the whole of this Letter from Col. Fullarton, applicable to our reſpective ſituations at the time.

J. S. 1784.

* The Colonel's Letters of May 12th, 18th, and 25th, and of June 1ſt, will be found in the order of the time as received (See p. 381. 404. 407. 427), and I beg leave particularly to refer to them *at full length*. In regard to the Letter of June 7th (being

you in the dark reſpecting my meaning, and ſo defective in point of information as to require that you ſhould recur to informations from other quarters *, before you were enabled to judge what meaſures I intended to purſue. As obſcurity of thought, word, or action, implies either a perplexity of underſtanding or a perverſion of intention, I muſt, in extenuation of my own deficiencies, beg leave to obſerve, that however much I may fail in the attempt, it ever has, and ever ſhall be my invariable rule, never to deviate into any indirect or crooked line of conduct, while there is a broad and open courſe before me; and it is alſo my conſtant object to expreſs clear and unperverted thoughts, in ſimple and unequivocal terms.

As the merit or demerit of every man and meaſure connected with the affairs of this country at preſent, will not only be tried before the tribunal of *public* opinion in general, but will probably become the ſubject of particular diſcuſſion in the *national* aſſemblies, I cannot ſuffer the ſurprize and aſtoniſhment of my commander, and his utter diſapprobation of my conduct, to ſtand againſt me, without explaining the circumſtances under which I acted: for I am confident that as ſoon as a

ing out of common order), it will be found in its *proper* place. The Colonel, it ſeems, had not time to copy it until the 9th of June; and I did not receive it until the 23d, *ſeven days* after receiving his Letter of the 10th, now under obſervation. See (* N. B. p. 245. and Extract 2d, p. 221.) J. S. 1784.

* This alludes, as I ſuppoſe, to p. 162.—See alſo what I ſay of Mr. Sulivan's ideas and plans for the employment of the Southern Force (p. 128 to 132), and likewiſe that Gentleman's Letters to Sel. Com. and to Mr. Sibbald of May 28th (p. 167 to 170), wherein ſuch frequent mention and *uſe* is made of the Colonel's *name*, which Letters, accompanying one from Mr. Sulivan to myſelf (p. 410), were received by me *on the very ſame day* (June 10th), together with the Colonel's of May 25th (p. 407), and June 1ſt (p. 227); and the whole together, *moſt probably*, muſt have been known † on the 3d of June to Lord M. and Select Committee, when they thought proper to write me their very remarkable Letter of that date. See p. 417 to 426.—By common attention, therefore, to thoſe papers *collectively*, I think I ſhall be juſtified in the expreſſions I made uſe of (p. 162), which may have given riſe to the Colonel's Remarks in this part of his Letter, without the neceſſity of *my* entering at preſent deeper into cauſes or motives. J. S. 1784.

† Upon the 29th of May, the Letter of Mr. Sulivan to Sel. Com. of May 28 (p. 167, 168), was forwarded by ſea to the Preſidency. J. S. 1784.

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reſpite from the perplexity of buſineſs and the embarraſſments of detail, in which I preſume you are at preſent involved, ſhall permit you to examine theſe circumſtances and my conduct with attention and preciſion, you, Sir, will be the firſt to give teſtimony, that they are founded on the ſtricteſt principles of military duty, of deference * to your opinions, and of obedience to ſuch inſtructions as I am bound to obſerve.

In proof of theſe aſſertions † I need only recal to your recollection the inſtructions that have been received, and the tranſactions that have occurred reſpecting the movements of the Southern Army. On the 7th of March the Select Committee gave Colonel Lang poſitive orders to proceed againſt the enemy's poſſeſſions to the weſtward; and, in the event of any heſitation on his part, enjoined him to call ‡ a council of war, of which Colonel Forbes and I were ſpecifically to be members:

Colonel

* In obſerving on this part of the Colonel's Letter, in addition to the preceding Remarks, I ſhall only ſay, that at the time of writing to the Colonel, I was not more than *uſually* perplexed or embarraſſed with buſineſs, however I might be moſt diſagreeably *ſurpriſed* and concerned, on finding that *no deference* was paid to *my* opinions; but I have, upon *another* occaſion, endeavoured to do juſtice to the Colonel's ſenſe of military duty.
☞ See State of Facts and Proofs, p. 31, 32. J. S. 1784.

† In proof *additional* of the grounds for *my* belief that the Colonel, on his coming to the command of the Southern Force (May 10th), knowing in different ways, and *acknowledging* (p. 377.) the great objects I had in view, and after his receiving the S. C.'s orders for co-operation (p. 381, 382.) which even eventually or proviſionally could only be of uſe by his *approaching to the Coleroon* as ſoon as poſſible in May, had held out to me every reaſon to look for his *ſpontaneous efforts to anticipate my public or poſitive orders*, which he might have known (p. 76. 92) would come to him at that eligible ſituation, I ſhould perhaps, on this occaſion, be juſtified in reſorting to the *whole of the Colonel's Letter, April 11th* (p. 354), wrote to me, after the Council of War at Caroor, becauſe the Colonel muſt have known my plan and objects ‖ in many different channels on the 4th and 12th of May, when he received and anſwered my Letters of March and April 28th, eſpecially as
☞ *Colonel Lang* with *leſs* communication ſeems to have underſtood me. See *his* Letter, p. 135; alſo the Adm. Correſp. p. 41. J. S. 1784.

‡ The tranſactions at that Council of War will be found in Abſtract (p. 355 to 358.) Colonel Lang had ſecured the *frontier* at the time of Colonel Fullarton's Letter, by taking
☞ Dindigul, *the work then in hand*, being all that was needed, or could be expected from his

‖ App. State of Facts, N° 2, 3, 4.; and in this Collection, p. 7, 8. Art. 14 to 17. p. 11, 12. 51. 53, 54. 63. 72. 76. 84, 85. 92. 106, 107. 110. 117. 128, 129, to 131. 144. 145.
J. S. 1784.

Force.

Colonel Lang received this Letter on the 24th of March; and on the 6th of April the Council of War was held. I had the honour to tranſmit you a copy of our proceedings, and theſe muſt have evinced to you the opinion of every perſon in that Council, excepting Colonel Lang, that the Committee's orders left no latitude to the Southern Commander, nor to the Council, reſpecting the practicability and mode of carrying their intentions into execution. It was further the opinion of the Council, that Colonel Lang ought immediately to reinforce this Army with five battalions, and with all the field-guns that could be ſpared from the ſouthern garriſons; and that, even after this reinforcement, he would ſtill be too weak to cope with the whole force that Tippoo could bring againſt him; but that it was his duty with that force to proceed immediately in the execution of the Committee's orders. On the 20th of April the Committee did me the honour to

Force. The eventual, or, as the Colonel calls them, Proviſional Orders of Select Committee, April 21ſt (received by him early in May), by the plaineſt conſtruction, ſuperſedes the *former* plans of Select Committee in their Letter received by Colonel Lang March 24th; ſo much ſo, that, independant of my *ſeparate* communication, as before noticed, I had every reaſon to expect from Colonel Fullarton, after he ſucceeded to the command, that he would have moved *of himſelf* to the Coleroon, in order to prepare for the proviſional co-operation, both from his knowledge of ſituation and diſtance, and of the component parts of the Force immediately under him *, as totally inadequate, *ſeparately*, to make any impreſſion *in-land*, ſo as to relieve B. G. Mathews, even when the fate of Bidenore was doubtful, but infinitely more ſo after it was loſt, and when it was known by Lt. Col. Campbell's declaration (p. 242. 244) †, that Mangalore was ſafe, and could hold out, till relieved after the rains, which could only be (and was done) ‡ by ſea. What, therefore, at that ſeaſon (in May), did there remain for us in the Carnatic to have done, other than as in the Original Plan, April 8th (p. 7, art. 14 to 17), repeatedly and daily urged by me during the campaign, "to concenter our whole powers by ſea and land againſt the French, to make ſure work of that "greateſt enemy, which would *then* enable us in a manner to guide and command the events "in India."—Such were my expectations from Colonel Fullarton, founded originally in the long *previous* communication of my *own* plans, and truſting to his own *unbiaſſed* reaſoning on the nature of the ſervice; and I give this as my *general* reaſoning and commentary on this Letter, in preference to the *ſeparate* diſcuſſion of Dates and Letters, which I ſhall nevertheleſs notice as they occur. J. S. 1784.

* See p. 405. 408, to 410. and Ext. p. 309-10. † See p. 166. 414.

‡ Relief by ſea was ſent to Mangalore from Madras and Bombay in June and July, and arrived in proper ſeaſon to have done moſt eſſential ſervice, if it had not been, as I think, negotiated away, as ſtated laſt paragraph Remarks, p. 242, 243. J. S. 1784.

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direct me to assume the command of the Southern Forces, and to regulate my conduct by those instructions as they might thereafter transmit to me. The Committee also honoured me with another Letter, dated 21st April, directing me to detach such a part of the forces under my command as General Stuart might judge to be indispensably requisite for the reduction of Cuddalore, and as my situation may permit me to send. Copies of these Letters reached me the 10th May, under your cover, and accompanied by a Letter from you, dated * 28th April, in which you do me the honour to inform me of my appointment to the southern command. You there mention, Sir, that you shall be better able to judge, as you advance, of the orders to be sent to me; but desire me not to give up any attainable object, such as Dindigul or Namkull, on account of the probable exigency of employing this Army towards Chillumbrum and Cuddalore. You point out the propriety of garrisoning such places as we may reduce, by troops from Madura and Tinevelly; and, in Postscripts to Duplicate and Triplicate of the same Letter, which I believe were dispatched on the 1st and 5th May, and which reached me the 16th, you mention that you had heard we meant to proceed from Averacouchy against Dindigul and Namkull. You add indefinitely, that after the attainment † of these objects you imagine the service of the Southern Army will be more

* I here beg leave to carry the attention a little further back, and to my Letters in March (See Appendix, State of Facts, N° 2, 3, 4.) and the Colonel's answer (p. 377); also to my Letters in April and beginning of May (p. 11, 12. 51. 92.); also to the Letters (p. 62 to 64. 74 to 76); and, to avoid tiresome repetition, I request to refer likewise to the Colonel's answers (p. 382. and 404 to 410). J. S. 1784.

† Whoever reads my Letters (p. 52. 62. 75, 76.), will find my *obvious* meaning was to give warning to the Colonel to be prepared to assist me at Cuddalore, and that I expected to hear *of a movement towards me* (p. 76). At the same time, as I could only *guess* at the particular operations when my Letter was wrote, I desire, in general, to finish with the objects *then in hand*; which object was Dindigul. Why Namkull came to be mentioned, see † p. 53. Caroor was fixed to be destroyed before I left the Presidency; and the garrisons to be drawn from Tinevelly could only apply for *that* of Dindigul.

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beneficial by co-operating with you towards the Coleroon: But you decline ſending me any orders till you ſhall hear farther from me.

In anſwer, Sir, to yours of the 28th April, I aſſured you, on the 12th May, of my profound attention to the important objects ſtated in your Letter; and in anſwer to your Poſtſcripts of the 1ſt and 5th of May, which I received the 16th, I informed you, on the 18th, of every material ſtep I had taken from the day I aſſumed the command *; I repreſented the neceſſity of reinforcing *this* Army, whether it were to be employed to the eaſtward or weſtward. I ſtated that I conceived myſelf bound to obey the inſtructions of the Select Committee, unleſs you ſhould find it neceſſary to employ me elſewhere, agreeably to their *proviſional* † *orders*; and I added, that I ſhould remain in the neighbourhood of Dindigul till the 24th or 25th, waiting for further commands, and that if no orders ſhould arrive before that time, I ſhould proceed, agreeably to the orders of the Committee ‡ and to your directions, with *the work I had in hand*; but, as Namkull was too far removed

* Theſe orders to bring the ſouthern garriſons into the field, were iſſued by the Colonel *without* my knowledge, and contrary to *my* intentions and plan. The *firſt* reports reached me from others. See C. F. and Mr. S.'s Letters received on the *ſame* day (p. 381. 383;) alſo my Letters to Sel. Com. on the ſubject (p. 128 to 131.)
J. S. 1784.

† *Theſe* expreſsly meant the co-operation of the *main* part of that Army, whether called *eventual* or *proviſional*, of which C. F. had early communication of my intentions. See p. 377. 382. J. S. 1784.

‡ The orders of the Committee at the time of the Colonel's Letter, and from *his* ſituation, could only apply to the proviſional co-operation. See as above †. On reference to the Colonel's Letter of May 18th (p. 406), it will be found that his words are, "I ſhall "proceed, agreeably to your directions, *with the work we have in view*;" but *my words* of April 28th (p. 54), to which the Colonel makes that application, are, "My wiſh "is for you to ſucceed *in the objects now in hand*, and then co-operate with me for the "greateſt of all national ſervices, the *driving the French from India*;" at which time, (April 28th), *the work in hand* could only apply to the taking of Dindigul, which fell May 4th.—I beg therefore, on this and ſimilar occaſions, to refer to the Letters *at full length*. See p. 54. 62, 63. 72. 76. J. S. 1784.

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from Dindigul, our neareſt and moſt immediate object would be Daraporam. On the 25th I informed you that I had not received any inſtructions from you ſince my laſt Letter, where I ſhould be as near as at Dindigul to receive any orders you might be pleaſed * to ſend. I alſo explained, in the ſame Letter, many material circumſtances reſpecting the ſituation of the Southern Provinces. On the 1ſt June I tranſmitted to you an account of the reduction of Daraporam and of the valuable magazines of grain and ammunition found there; and on the 7th June † I addreſſed you from Yaricottah, whither I moved to form a junction with the valuable detachment under Captain Clarke. In this Letter I informed you, Sir, that I had blown up Daraporam, and had removed great part of the ſtores to ſtrengthen Dindigul; that I had ſent orders for the demolition of Caroor, by deſire of the Board; and that the ſtores, guns, and ammunition, were to be conveyed from thence to Trichinopoly, where they are much wanted. I ſtated alſo, that the Tapals I had eſtabliſhed, as far as Palicatcherry and Gudjerreddy; and the variety of perſons I employed for intelligence ‡, *not leſs than one hundred and fifty, or two hundred in conſtant ſervice*, informed

* I really cannot well account for the unuſual length of time on certain occaſions in the conveyance of Letters to or from Colonel Fullarton, ſo remarkable in the courſe of our correſpondence, and at the moſt critical times too! eſpecially as the uſual courſe of Tapal from the Colonel's *Dindigul* ſituation to Negapatam was only *three* days, and from Negapatam to me the medium was *four* days; ſee Extract, p. 156. And that all my Letters on the ſubject were *in common* to the Colonel, Mr. B. Cochrane, and Mr. J. Sulivan (ſee particularly, p. 72. 74. 76. 84, and 85).——The Letter from the Colonel of May 18th, was received the 30th, and anſwered the day following (ſee p. 162 to 164); and his Letters of 25th and June 1ſt, reached me within a day of each other, (June 10th). See p. 199 to 204; alſo from Mr. J. Sulivan, p. 412. J. S. 1784.

† Concerning this *remarkable* Letter of June 7th, ſee the preceding note; but, as it came *firſt* to my hand on the 23d of June, the *preciſe* day that I received Mr. Sulivan's Letter of June 16th, p. 448, I ſhall *defer* obſerving upon it until it comes *in courſe*. J. S. 1784.

‡ Notwithſtanding of theſe *moſt numerous* channels of intelligence of the movements of Tippoo's force *towards* the Colonel, and which was believed by Mr. J. Sulivan (ſee Extract 3d, p. 219.) "to have effected the great object of drawing Tippoo's attention

formed me that large bodies of the enemy were moving in the Myſore country: that their deſtination and object might be uncertain; but that, in any event, *I ſhould be in readineſs to attack any number not exceeding twenty thouſand*; to move towards Cuddalore, ſhould I be ſo ordered; to cover and reinforce the ſouthern garriſons, ſhould a ſuperior force be ſent againſt them; or to proceed in reducing the remaining places of importance in this quarter of the enemy's territories, if I ſhould receive no orders to the contrary. I concluded with aſſuring you, on the ſolid ground of extenſive enquiry and of ſucceſsful experiment, that nothing is wanting, *except a ſufficient reinforcement*, to enable this Army to give the moſt ample effect to the intentions of Government, and to move with confidence to the capital of the Myſore empire, ſhould it be judged expedient to direct the undertaking of ſuch a meaſure. At the ſame time I incloſed the copy of a Letter from Mr. Sibbald at Tellicherry to Colonel Lang *, which I officially opened, informing him that the Army under General Mathews was in a moſt critical ſituation in Bidenore, from which Mr. Sibbald aſſerts it can only be relieved by a powerful diverſion from this quarter. After ſtating theſe particulars, may I requeſt to know on what poſſible *pretences* † I could have preſumed to move to the eaſtward, while you declined giving me orders to do ſo, and while I had poſitive inſtructions to move in the oppoſite direction.

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" tention from General Mathews;" yet it was found totally groundleſs; no ſuch movement had taken place; and yet, by reference to *dates*, the Colonel ſeems to have *acted upon it* in his return from Daraporam towards Caroor, becauſe his Letter to Captain M^cLeod (p. 222) is dated June 8th, ordering the Captain, with the heavy guns from the Army, to proceed to Dindigul; whereas the Colonel mentions, in the beginning of this Letter, that he did *not* receive my poſitive orders of May 31ſt, until the afternoon of the 9th of June. See alſo Extracts, p. 218 to 222. and Correſp. Adm. p. 25.

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* See the Letter here referred to, p. 245, 246; alſo Remarks, p. 240, 241. J. S. 1784.

† My anſwer is, that there needed no *pretences*, becauſe, in my opinion, founded upon what I have repeatedly ſtated upon that ſubject, the Colonel, *as a plain military man*,

If I were to take the liberty of ſuppoſing any expreſſions contradicting or counteracting each other, reſpecting my movements to the eaſtward or weſtward, which is far from being the caſe, an obſtinate or an inactive man, ſo ſituated, might poſſibly have withheld his obedience under the ſubterfuge of apparent contradiction. But I, who hold all ſubterfuge * in contempt, conceived it to be my obvious duty to receive your intimations of an uncertain and future exigency, with the deference and reſpect due to your ſtation and opinions, and to obey, with the alacrity and pointedneſs that *becomes a ſoldier*, thoſe orders of the Committee, which you, as Commander in Chief, tranſmitted to me as the rules of my conduct.

I have now to inform you, Sir, that as your orders direct me to provide for the ſafety of the ſouthern garriſons, while this Army ſhall be employed towards the coaſt, I have continued Captain M'Leod in the command of Dindigul, with the 6th and 19th battalions, and 280 † independents from Cortallum. I have ſupplied him with one iron

*man*, would have been fully juſtified by every *military* judge in moving the force under his command directly towards Trichinopoly, ſoon after the 10th of May, *when it was in his power*; for he could only, by doing ſo, be in *time* or *place* to co-operate with me in what he himſelf truly repreſents as the *greateſt national object* (p. 377. 409). See the reaſon why I could not *then* ſend a poſitive order (p. 53. 63), although, without ſuch order, the Colonel would have been juſtified in his movement towards the Coleroon, as above †. J. S. 1784.

* My obſervation on the whole of this part, without the need of a particular anſwer, may be found in the preceding and ſubſequent Remarks. J. S. 1784.

† This detachment from Col. Fullarton's force, if it was made in reference to the Colonel's Letter to Captain M'Leod, *dated at Yaricottah, June the 8th* (p. 222); and if that date be ſo, as it ſtands in the *original* Letter, would of itſelf prove that the Colonel's movements towards me, as mentioned in this Letter of June 10th (now under obſervation), muſt have proceeded from *his belief* of Tippoo's Army coming towards the Southern Provinces, and *not from my orders for that purpoſe*, which, as before obſerved, were not received by *him* until the afternoon of the 9th. See Extract 2d, p. 218; alſo Extracts, p. 220, 221, 222; alſo the *Official* Communication from the Colonel's Aid-de-Camp, dated June 8, p. 225, 226, and Correſp. Adm. p. 25. J. S. 1784.

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eighteen-pounder, and with two iron twelve-pounders, and with various ſtores from Daraporam and from the Army. I encloſe the copy of my Letter to him *, reſpecting his preparations for the defence of the place. I have ordered the five companies of the 25th, that were in camp, to reinforce *Madura*, where there is an extreme deficiency of grain and military ſtores, and where I underſtand the works are much neglected. I have further directed the 23d battalion to eſcort the guns, ſtores, and ammunition, from Caroor to Cortallum, and to do duty there till further orders. I confeſs it would have been extremely ſatiſfactory to me, if on theſe points you had honoured me with more ſpecific inſtructions, and if you had left leſs to my judgment, which is at all times liable to error, and its operations to miſconſtruction. I cannot preſume to determine how far the ſteps I have taken, in addition to the means already in thoſe garriſons, may be ſufficient for their ſecurity while this Army ſhall be acting to the eaſtward. If I had thrown a greater force into thoſe places, this Army would have been of little avail in forwarding your preſent operations; and if I had been more ſparing, I ſhould have left them expoſed an eaſy conqueſt to the enemy, ſhould he be tempted to direct his force againſt the Southern Provinces; which it is not altogether unreaſonable to ſuppoſe; for it is aſſerted that large bodies of horſe are already moving towards this quarter, and ample magazines of grain and other neceſſaries have long been preparing for him throughout the *Coimbatoor* country. I ſhall be anxious till I receive your orders, expreſſing ſpecifically how far you deſire that theſe arrangements ſhould be altered or confirmed; for, beſides the uneaſineſs I ſhall feel under the preſſure of any arrangements of mine, on which the ſafety and exiſtence of the Southern Provinces may depend, I ſhall at all times, *as a ſoldier*, wiſh to act and to obey, rather than to reaſon and diſcuſs. The Army will arrive at Trichinopoly the 16th; by that time I truſt I ſhall receive your further orders for my guidance; for I need not inform you, Sir, that

* See Extract, p. 222.



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if this Army is by any means detained there at this ſeaſon, ſo much proviſions will be drawn from thence as may prove fatal to the place.

After this recapitulation and ſtatement of *ſimple facts*, I flatter myſelf that you, as Commander in Chief, and conſequently the ſuperior judge of all military conduct, will feel and expreſs your approbation of the manner in which I have acted *: but ſhould it prove otherwiſe, I beg leave to intimate how ready I ſhall be at all times to bring every part of my conduct into the fulleſt diſcuſſion, in any mode that you ſhall judge proper to direct.

In moments of public difficulty, like the preſent, I ſhould hold myſelf highly criminal indeed, if I were capable, by any proceedings of mine, of retarding and embarraſſing public ſervice, or of incommoding thoſe intruſted with the direction of it: and therefore, with many apologies for too long an intruſion, I ſhall only venture to aſſert, that there is not under your command one perſon more zealous to deſerve your approbation; and you may be aſſured, that as often as I receive clear and pointed orders, they ſhall be clearly and pointedly obeyed.

(Signed) W^m FULLARTON.

* EXTRACT *from the Paper communicated to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, under the following title:*

COPY of ſundry Paragraphs of Letters from Meſſ. SIBBALD and KITSON, to the Hon. the Select Committee of Bombay, dated at Tellicherry the 16th of Auguſt 1783.

" Since our arrival here, Mr. Sibbald has received many friendly Letters from the *Corga-*
" Chief (* p. 323) all of which ſpoke his great deſire of joining the Company's troops in
" their operations againſt Tippoo Sahib.

" *At the time that Colonel Fullarton took Daraporam, and adviſed* † *Mr. Sibbald of his*
" *intentions to proceed direct to Pallicatcherry*, requeſting he would moſt effectually diſtreſs
" the affairs of the enemy, we thought it of conſequence to know for certain, how far,
" and in what manner the Corga-Chief could aid and aſſiſt Colonel Fullarton's operations,
" either in the event of his coming down to *Callicut*, or advancing towards the border
" of *Myſore*; and therefore Mr. Sibbald wrote to him at this time," &c. &c.

† See Extr. p. 166. and Mr. J. S. Lett. of May 28th to Lord M. and S. C. and to Mr. Sibbald, p. 167 to 170; alſo Extr. 2d. p. 224; Poſtſcript, p. 92; and App. State of Facts, N° 2.

J. S. 1784.

## * From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. June 23.]

*Tanjore, June* 16, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to tranſmit to you, with this, copies of a Letter from Mr. Sibbald, &c. at Tellicherry, to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, of the 20th † *ultimo*, and of other Letters from that gentleman to the Governor General and Lord Macartney, of the 23d and 27th of May ‡, and from Colonel Campbell, commanding at Mangalore, to the Select Committee, dated the 18th of May §.

I will not take your attention from thoſe Letters, farther than to obſerve, that unleſs the Southern Army is reinforced with all the expedition poſſible ‖, and poſitive orders are immediately ſent by you to Colonel Fullarton to reaſſemble his force, *and to proceed when joined by the reinforcement to the weſtward*, agreeably to the ſpirit of his inſtructions from the Select Committee, Colonel Campbell and the remains of the Bombay Army muſt be expoſed to the moſt imminent danger, *if not abſolutely ſacrificed* **, *as General Mathews and the troops*

* This Letter was received upon the ſame day with that of June 7th, from Col. Fullarton, p. 450 to 452; the Letter itſelf, with the Encloſures, were all copied and forwarded to the Select Committee, by Mr. Sulivan's directions to Mr. B. Cochrane (ſee Extract and Remarks, p. 240 to 242).—I am to ſuppoſe, therefore, that as the former packet from *Mr. S.* († p. 412) gave riſe to the Sel. Com. remarkable packet to me of June 3d (p. 417 to 426); ſo likewiſe *his* diſpatches to Sel. Com. of June 8th (Ext. p. 218) promoted their Letter to me of June 17th, Duplicate of which, encloſing the copy of their Letter to me of June 3d, was ſent by S. C. to Colonel Fullarton (p. 286 to 287; and p. 460, 461).

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† See p. 319. ‡ See p. 320 to 323. § See p. 243. J. S. 1784.

‖ On reference to my Letter of June 23d to S. Com. (p. 250 to 253), and to the Preſident, p. 255, it will be ſeen how very ſtrange ſuch ſchemes and ſuch language from this gentleman muſt have appeared to me at the time!—fully ſufficient indeed to juſtify my Remarks, p. 240 to 246; alſo afterwards, p. 289. J. S. 1784.

** The expreſſion of *ſacrificing B. G. Mathews*, &c. ſo far as he may have meant it *perſonally* to me, is altogether impertinent; and I find myſelf called upon here to repeat my moſt ſincere opinion and belief, that the unmilitary ſchemes, backed by the influence of this gentleman with Lord M. &c. tending directly to prevent the *ſeaſonable* concentring of our force againſt the French at Cuddalore, have proved of infinite detriment to the greateſt *national* object in India at that period. J. S. 1784.

*in Bidenore have been, by our ſupineneſs or inattention to their diſtreſs.*

While there was ground to ſuppoſe that Tippoo Sahib, or the greateſt part of his force, and the French detachments, were employed before Bidenore, the Southern Army was in force, I humbly preſume, to have opened the communication with Tellicherry and Mangalore, and to have received reinforcements from thoſe places (by a tried and eaſily practicable route), that would have enabled Colonel Fullarton to have proceeded towards Seringapatam, and poſſibly to have * *reduced that place, and to have relieved General Mathews.* But now that the whole force of the enemy, fluſhed with ſucceſs, is directed againſt Mangalore, no aid can be drawn from that place or Tellicherry; neither can any be given, but by ſuch a force as could meet the enemy in the field. It is, therefore, Sir, that I have preſumed to ſuggeſt that Colonel Fullarton ſhould not proceed to the weſtward until joined by reinforcements from you; but this need not prevent him from acting, and to effect, againſt Errode, and other places to the northward, where he cannot fail to find proviſions, and perhaps ſome valuable ſtores, and this in the direct road to Coimbatore.

I fear the Coleroon is not now fordable; but, as the ſmaller rivers which interſect this country are ſtill very low, I ſubmit to you, whether

* The abſurdity of all this ſuppoſed expectation of carrying *Seringapatam* with the force under Colonel Fullarton, at the time and in the manner alluded to, is ſo very ſelf-evident, on reference to ſituation, dates, and means, that there really needs no other anſwer to ſuch vague aſſertions, than again to recur to Remarks, p. 240 to 244; and it is equally evident why Mr. Sulivan, having *more* knowledge of the futility of his *original* plans of *inland* co-operation with the other coaſt, (the object, for which, to the utmoſt of *his* power and influence, the ſouthern force was kept ſo long ſeparated from me), why, I ſay, he *now* preſents a different plan of operation towards Coimbatore, but equally improper and impolitic, until we had made ſure of the French at Cuddalore, eſpecially as Mangalore was ſecure during the Monſoon or rainy ſeaſon on that ſide of India.

J. S. 1784.



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it would not be adviſeable to ſend the *reinforcement* * from your Army by boats acroſs the Coleroon, near Chillumbrum, and then to proceed by Sheally, Myaveram, and Combaconum, to join Colonel Fullarton. If this can be done, the junction may be effected in a ſhort time; but, if any objection ſhould occur to this, *the paſſage by ſea to Negapatam offers a certain and expeditious route.*

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

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## † From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. June 23.]

*Camp at Mompare, one march from Yaricottah, June* 7, 1783.

I HAD the honour to inform you, on the 1ſt, of the reduction of Daraporam; the 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th were employed in loading our people ‡ with grain, and in removing the ſtores from the fort, which I mean

* It was owing, in great meaſure, as I think, to the counteraction and ſuggeſtions of Mr. Sulivan that the Southern Force was not at the Coleroon in the *proper* time in May; and his notions of ſending reinforcements to Colonel Fullarton from our Army, either acroſs the Coleroon near Chillumbrum, or *by ſea*, were equally abſurd as impracticable; obſerve our ſituation (p. 250. 255), when this Gentleman talks of *reinforcements!*

J. S. 1784.

† This Letter, which is noticed (* p. 437), was above *fourteen* days on the road to me †; and I received it on the ſame day with that from Mr. J. Sulivan, dated June 16th, p. 448. The Colonel, it ſeems, had not had time to diſpatch it along with his Letter, June 10th. See the Colonel's to Mr. B. Cochrane, dated *Coilpettah*, June 11th (Ext. 2d, p. 221); and it came to me through Mr. B. Cochrane, along with a copy of the Colonel's Letter to him, dated Camp at *Caroor*, June 13th, Ext. p. 225. See alſo * p. 239.

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‡ The comparative inſignificance (in my opinion) of this place (Daraporam) has been already noticed (p. 177. 201); and I muſt again repeat, that *if we are to be guided by dates*, the Colonel's move from thence to *Yaricottah*, and his ordering Capt. M'Leod, when at *Yaricottah*, on the 8th of June (Ext. p. 222), to return back with the Army to Dindigul with the heavy artillery, &c. muſt have proceeded from the Colonel's *belief* of the (erroneous)

† See alſo Extract, p. 225. 239; N. B. 245; Extract, p. 250 to 255. J. S. 1784.

intelligence

I mean to throw into Dindigul. On the 5th, in the afternoon, the fort was blown up, and the Army moved towards Yaricottah, in order to form a junction with Captain Clerk's detachment coming from Trichinopoly by Caroor.

In obedience to the orders of Government, I have directed Lieutenant Bannerman to blow up Caroor, and remove the guns, ſtores, and ammunition from thence to Trichinopoly, where they are much wanted. For this purpoſe the 23d battalion will remain with him as an eſcort.

I have now to inform you, Sir, that the Tappals I have eſtabliſhed as far as *Pallicatcherry* and *Gindgerraddy*, bring me intelligence * that large bodies of the enemy's horſe are moving in the Myſore country; theſe reports are confirmed by a variety of people I have employed in different directions. I ſhall take care to be in readineſs for any event that may occur. If a body not exceeding 20,000 ſhall approach †, I will attack them. If a ſuperior force is ſent againſt us, I will cover and reinforce the ſouthern garriſons, or I ſhall proceed in reducing the remaining places of importance in this quarter of the enemy's territories, unleſs I ſhall receive ‡ your directions to move towards you. Thus I ſhall be prepared for every poſſible occurrence, and ready to obey every order I may receive. I think it my duty to inform you,

Sir,

intelligence of *Tippoo*'s approach, and *not* in conſequence of *my* orders of May 31ſt, becauſe the Colonel had not received thoſe orders until the afternoon of the 9th of June, p. 436, and ‡ p. 443. See on this ſubject the official Letter from the Colonel's Aid-de-camp, p. 225, 226; alſo Extracts, p. 218 to 222, and p. 239. J. S. 1784.

* Concerning this intelligence, on which, for the reaſons ſtated (‡), I conjecture that the Colonel *originally acted* when he returned from *Daraporam* to *Yaricottah*.—See my obſervations on the Colonel's Letter of June 10th, ‡ p. 443-4. J. S. 1784.

† From the Colonel's deſcription of the component parts of the force under his command (p. 405. 408), I do not ſee the grounds for ſuch confidence;—20,000 horſe (if ſuppoſed here meant), is a greater number than I really believe ever were together on any *one* occaſion, or than could be kept together in *one* place in the Carnatic.

J. S. 1784.

‡ I will not here detail the numerous Letters of intimation to the Colonel (before this date), of *my* views, plans, and expectations, but only mention the *poſitive orders of May*



31ſt,

Sir, that the large magazines of grain and other ſtores *, throughout all parts of the Coimbatore country, give a peculiar facility to the movements of an Army, and, I hope, will prove an inducement to reinforce this Army ſo as to enable it to act with effect: for, with reinforcement, every expectation of Government from this quarter may be amply fulfilled. I have opened a Letter from Mr. Sibbald † to Colonel Lang, reſpecting the ſituation of General Mathews at Bidenore. I encloſe it in the Duplicate of this Letter to Mr. Cochrane.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

31ſt, which I had every reaſon to think would have reached him, even in Duplicate, on this very day, the 7th, or at fartheſt the 8th.—See Major Bruce's Letter to me from Trichinopoly, June 6th, p. 205, Ext. 3. p. 218. It would ſeem as if, by an *over-ruling* fatality ‡ in the conveyance of all my Letters in *this* direction, both that my orders of May 31ſt did *not* reach the Colonel till the afternoon of June 9th (p. 436), and that my Letters of the 16th were not received by him, *even* at Trichinopoly, till the 24th (p. 279. 283); ſo that from this and other accidents, added to the *depth* of the Coleroon, the Colonel was *not* within *four* marches of me in the ſpace of *twenty-ſeven* days after his having received my orders. See his Letter July 6th. J. S. 1784.

* It ſeems odd, that at this particular time (June 7th), the Colonel *talks to me* of magazines and reinforcements in the *weſtern* direction, after his having deſtroyed Caroor and Daraporam; which places, with any view to carry on *inland* war, would have been needed to be kept up.——Obſerve, I pray, our ſituation when this Letter reached me, p. 250 to 255! J. S. 1784.

† See this Letter, p. 245, 246. J. S. 1784.

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‡ That *over-ruling fatality* in the dilatory conveyance of *my* diſpatches *ſouth of the Coleroon*, may *poſſibly* be accounted for, by attending to the following: J. S. 1784.

EXTRACT.

From Major General Stuart to his Excel. Lt. Gen. Sir E. Coote, &c. Fort St. George, Dec. 1, 1782.

"*Lieut. Colonel Nixon mentions ſomething very extraordi-*
"*nary and* novel *(as I conceive) and he complains of it,*
"*that the Letters by Tapal are* firſt *carried to the* Reſident
"or Civil Servant; *and I hear from others, that this* new *rule has now taken place all over the*
"*Southern Provinces; ſo that Colonel Lang, and every officer in thoſe parts, muſt get* their Letters
"*and their* firſt *news from the* hands *of thoſe gentlemen. Your Excellency ſees where all this goes to;*
"*and you will judge whether, according to the inſtructions* 1774, *or any other orders whatever, they*
"*are warranted in doing ſo.*"

EXTRACT.

From Major Bruce commanding at Trichinopoly, to Major General Stuart. Trichinopoly, December 20, 1782.

"P. S. *The Tapals are for certain taken from the*
"commanding officer, *and placed under the direction*
"*of the Paymaſter.*"

*The*

*The following Letter is marked by Mr. Cochrane to have been received at Tanjore the 18th, at 7 A. M. and by him at Negapatam, ſome time in the ſame day. It reached me on the 23d, together with Colonel Fullarton's Letter to me of June 17th.*

## From Colonel FULLARTON to Mr. B. COCHRANE.

*Trichinopoly Plain, 17th June* 1783.

BE ſo good as open the encloſed for General Stuart, read it, take a copy, and forward it. I hope the General will now find *, by *my movements*, how much he has been deceived in *his* ideas reſpecting *my* intentions and mode of conduct. I am anxious to know when you forwarded to him my Letter of the 10th.

(Signed) Wᴹ FULLARTON.

## From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. June 23.]

*Trichinopoly Plain, 17th June* 1783.

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that, in conſequence of your orders of the 31ſt May, the Army arrived yeſterday upon the Plain. I do not find any orders for my future guidance.

As your Letters of the 31ſt May informed me that I ſhould receive further inſtructions on my march towards the *Coleroon*, I cannot take

* The Colonel, in this Letter, having appealed to me concerning *his movements*, I muſt take this occaſion to refer to what has occurred to me to obſerve upon that ſubject. See p. 162 to 164. 177. 201. 207. 217. 219 to 222. 225. 230 to 232. 234. Ext. 238. p. 250 to 255. 264. Ext. 2, p. 268. 278, 279. 283.—‡ p. 443, 444—† p. 445. ☞ p. 447.—‡ p. 450, 451.—‡ p. 451, 452. J. S. 1784.

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any movement upon myſelf till I hear from you, or from the Select Committee. If this Army is found to be neceſſary to aſſiſt in the reduction of Cuddalore, there is no time to be loſt in croſſing the *Coleroon*, which is daily ſwelling; and if otherwiſe, then I ſhould preſume that it will be judged a very pernicious meaſure to detain the Army here or in the Tanjore neighbourhood; for we cannot poſſibly be ſubſiſted from either of theſe places, without very alarming inconveniencies to the garriſons.

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

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## * From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. June 26.]

SIR, *Tanjore, June* 21, 1783.

I HAVE the honour to ſend you the Duplicate of my Letter of yeſterday. The 9th battalion †, with two guns, is now ordered to relieve the five companies that marched to convoy the cattle; and Colonel

* This Letter is *repeated*, ſee my Letter to S. C. p. 263 to 265. J. S. 1784.

† Neither the 9th battalion, nor any one company or Sepoy from the Tanjore diſtrict, ever came to garriſon the important *hold* of Chillumbrum, as I had repeatedly ordered.

J. S. 1784.

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## From Mr. J. SULIVAN to Major General STUART.

Tanjore, 20th June 1783.

*The difficulty and inſecurity of ſending the cattle collected in the Warrior-pollam woods direct to camp, induced me to deſire that they might be ſent acroſs the Coleroon. The Polygar's people have, in conſequence, conducted one thouſand and ſeventy head of cattle to this ſide, and an eſcort of five companies of Sepoys with a gun marched from hence laſt night to Combeconum; from whence it will proceed with the cattle to Sheally, where the officer will receive two thouſand ſheep, and wait your orders how to diſpoſe of the whole. The Warrior-pollam Polygar has reſerved five hundred head of cattle, and two thouſand ſheep in his woods north of the Coleroon, and will ſend them wherever you may direct.—I have eſtabliſhed a Tappal from hence to Chillumbrum for the more ſpeedy conveyance of Letters.*

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

Fullarton has directed the officer commanding to proceed to Devicottah with them. The Rajah has promiſed me a further ſupply of ſheep; and will endeavour to collect from every other quarter, in the hope of furniſhing a ſufficient ſtock for the Fleet. *Gram* is not to be procured, even for the ſmall troop with Colonel Fullarton.—Mr. Cochrane could purchaſe from the boats that come from the ſouth; but the return of the Army to Trichinopoly has *put it entirely out of my power to ſend him any money* *; and, I fear, without money he will not be able to ſecure it.

* It never was in *my* power to ſend any money from the military cheſt (though I had promiſed (p. 254) 8000 Pagodas) to this gentleman, Mr. B. Cochrane, whoſe indefatigable attention to the public ſervice is ſo conſpicuous in this Collection, and alſo appears from M. Gen. Bruce's correſpondence with Select Committee, after I returned (in July) to the Preſidency; where I found that almoſt the *whole* of the money to ſupply the wants of our Army had been advanced by Mr. B. Cochrane upon his *own* private credit.

J. S. 1784.

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(EXTRACT.)

From Mr. TAYLOR to Mr. SIBBALD.

Mangalore, May 10, 1783.

*A very alarming report prevails here at preſent; one of the Madras Sepoys came in laſt night, as he ſays, from Bidenore; he acquainted Major Campbell that General Mathews had ſurrendered Bidenore to Tippoo after making a capitulation, wherein it was agreed that we ſhould keep the ſea-coaſt below the Ghauts, and that General Mathews, with the troops, ſhould be allowed to paſs the Ghauts and join the reſt of the Army; that upon his marching out, the enemy breaking faith with him, ordered our troops to ground their arms, and made them all priſoners. The Sepoy adds many other particulars, and ſays he is willing to remain in confinement until the news is confirmed, and to be hung up if it proves falſe. How far he is to be credited, I cannot ſay; but, at any rate, it has put a ſtop to the march of a detachment, intended to have been ſent out to endeavour to drive the enemy up the Ghauts.—The Sepoy ſays he made his eſcape by mixing with the enemy, and appearing as one of themſelves;—he likewiſe ſays that Tippoo was to proceed hither with his whole force, and a number of guns, to beſiege this place, ſo that a few days muſt prove the truth or falſity of his aſſertions.*

(EXTRACT.)

From Mr. TAYLOR to Mr. SIBBALD.

Mangalore, May 13, 1783.

*I am very ſorry to acquaint you, that one of Mr. Stuart's ſervants is arrived this evening, having made his eſcape from Bidenore; he confirms the loſs of that place, which, I am afraid, puts it beyond a doubt.*

EXTRACT.

I have the honour to ſend you the copy of a Letter which I have juſt received * from Colonel Campbell at Mangalore; *you will perceive, Sir, that, like General Mathews, he places all his hopes of ſupport on your co-operation, and that, like him, he is in danger of falling a martyr to his expectation †, while we are exhauſting our magazines at Trichinopoly, and, by our indeciſive movements, encouraging our enemies, diſpiriting our*

* See this Letter, p. 243, 244; alſo the Remarks, from p. 240. J. S. 1784.

† The liberty which this gentlemen, Mr. J. Sulivan, thus takes in his Letters *(upon conduct)*, without any authority *(from his ſituation or habits of intimacy relative to me)*, was noticed in my Letter to Select Committee (p. 264). What I have perceived of Mr. Sulivan's military plans and opinions will be found as they occur in this collection:—and, as the expreſſion here *marked*, is nearly a repetition of what he makes uſe of in his laſt Letter, I ſhall refer to my *notes* on that occaſion (p. 448). What relates to the magazine in Trichinopoly will be found in the *proper* place. J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart. Negapatam, June 9, 1783. (Received by M. Gen. Stuart, June , 8 P. M.)

*This morning I received an official Letter from Mr. Sulivan, encloſing a packet for the Select Committee.*

*I ſend encloſed two Letters, one dated the 7th, acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 2d, and the other of this date, with Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Knox, dated laſt night at Tranquebar, together with tranſlate of the news, which, I conceive, will ſhew that there is no abſolute neceſſity of the Southern Army proceeding to the aſſiſtance of General Mathews, who muſt long ere this, have been relieved by the* Monſoon.

*You will perceive I am very buſy in procuring Cattamarans and boats for the uſe of the Fleet, &c.*

*I received this morning from Mr. Hippeſley a Letter dated yeſterday; the following is an Extract:*

"*Accompanying are orders to the Amuldars, &c. for Cattamarans, boats, &c. and every "aſſiſtance, under a ſevere penalty and corporal puniſhment.*"

*I hope Mr. Sulivan will be able to procure cattle. I ſhall write a note to Colonel Fullarton with my private advice, to make a ſweep as he comes down.*

*The Cattamarans are coming in from the South, and I ſee them paid myſelf, and the people's names are inrolled to prevent impoſitions, and to ſhew the people I wiſh to encourage them. All the families here are buſy cultivating greens, &c. This, I ſhould imagine, would be the beſt place for the ſick, I mean thoſe who have the ſcurvy.—There are very good quarters within the*

*our friends and our troops, and deſtroying, or leaving to the enemy to deſtroy, the reſources * both of proviſions and ſtores which Colonel Fullarton had ſo ſucceſsfully opened.*

(Signed) JOHN SULIVAN.

* See on the inſignificance of ſuch *inland* purſuits, comparatively with the *main* object of the campaign, App. State of Facts, N° 1, 2, 3.—Plan Art. 14, p. 17.—p. 54. 63. 72. 85. 110. 117. 128 to 131. 144. 145. 162 to 165. 177. 178. 200. 201. 207. 217. 219. 220. 225. ☞ 231. 238.—Remarks, 240 to 243. 245. 253. 255. 259. 264. 275. 278. 283. * p. 288. ☞ † p. 289. J. S. 1784.

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*lines, private houſes; and a battalion of Sepoys would render the place perfectly ſecure from horſe. The greens, &c. here will recover the men in a very ſhort time, whereas by ſending them to Madras, much time is loſt.*

(Signed) BASIL COCHRANE.

P. S. *I enclaſe you Duplicate of Colonel Fullarton's Letter of the 1ſt, which he ſent me with* only two lines, *requeſting me to forward it to you.*

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From Captain RICHARD SCOTT, of the Madras Eſtabliſhment, commanding at the Beach, to Major General STUART.

Beach, 11th June 1783.

*I have examined the watering places *; there is one very good cloſe to the landing-place, and not more than forty yards from the ſhore.*

*I am, &c.* (Signed) RICHD SCOTT.

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† Return of Slaughter Cattle remaining 11th June 1783, at night.

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| *Bullocks,* - - | 1906 |
| *Calves,* - - | 502 |
| *Sheep,* - - | 680 |
| *Kids,* - - | 135 |

(Signed) J. KENWORTHY, Deputy Agent.

* This was for his Majeſty's ſhips off the landing-place. See Correſp. Adm. p. 17, 18. J. S. 1784.

† From the Army large ſtock, as above, I ſent to C. Haliday as many cattle as he could carry off for his Frigates and for the Fleet; beſides, from the 15th, I had ready at Chillumbrum above 5000 head of cattle. See Correſp. Adm. p. 20, 21. J. S. 1784.

## * From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June* 14, 1783.

I WRITE this ſhort note to acquaint you that the San Carlos, which ſails this night, will carry 20,000 Pagodas; and we ſhall continue to ſend further ſupplies for the Army, as faſt as money is received, and means of ſafe conveyance offers.

* This Letter was diſpatched by Lord Macartney, after *knowing* of my Letter of June 10th, to the Select Committee; I therefore earneſtly requeſt to refer to it (p. 199 to 205), becauſe it gave information of the movements of Colonel Fullarton's force, *contrary* to the plan or poſſibility of proviſional co-operation with me, if to be of any uſe againſt the French at Cuddalore. The Preſident muſt have alſo known (p. 194. 202), that almoſt immediately after being ſettled on our *ultimate* ground, I had fixed the diſpoſition to attack the French out-poſts, and to drive them under the guns of Cuddalore, which happened on the 13th (ſee p. 210 to 217). Compare this with Lord Macartney's Minute and aſſertion June 25th *in my abſence*; ſee that Minute (6), p. 16, and my obſervation (6) p. 12. July 23, after returning to the Preſidency. J. S. 1784.

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[Encloſure in the Preſident's Letter of the 14th.]

Account of Rice, Biſcuit, Salt, Arrack, and Gram ſent on board the different ſhips to the Southward for the uſe of the Army.

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| Rice, | *By the Reſolution,* | - | - | *Bags* | 6468 | |
| | *By the Harriett,* | - | - | - | 1309 | |
| | *By the Ann and Amelia,* | - | - | - | 10,965 | |
| | *By the Pondicherry,* | - | - | - | 1049 | |
| | *By the Minerva,* | - | - | - | 2291 | |
| | *By the Succeſs Galley,* | - | - | | 3706 | |
| | | | | *Total Bags* | | 25,788 |
| Biſcuit, | *By the Minerva,* | - | 481 *Bags, or Maunds* | - | | 1,224 |
| Salt, | *By the Minerva,* | - | 50 *Bags, or Marcals* | - | 300 | |
| | *By the Succeſs Galley,* | | 105 *Do. or Ditto* | - | 630 | |
| | | *Total* | 155 *Bags, or Marcals* | - | | 930 |
| Arrack *or* Rum, | *By the Pondicherry,* | 23 *Leagers, and* 60 *Thirds, or Galls.* | | | 5234 | |
| | *By the Harriett,* | - | 21 *Do. or Do.* | | 1103 | |
| | *By the Succeſs Galley,* | - | 48 *Do. or Do.* | | 2365 | |
| | | *Total* | 168 *Thirds, or Gall.* | - | | 8702 |

Gram

Encloſed is a liſt of different articles * ſent by ſea, to the ſouthward, ſince your departure from the Preſidency. The Morſe will be ready in two or three days, and will carry 10,000 bags of rice, and a proportion of gram.

The Committee are extremely *ſurpriſed* that you do not regularly † acknowledge the receipt of their Letters. Your laſt, of the 10th inſtant, came ſafe to hand, yeſterday.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

* The Preſident ſent me this ſtate of proviſions with the view of anſwering ſome part of my Letter June 10th. On reference to p. 203, 2d paragraph, it will be found, that the diſtreſs aroſe from a neglect in *not* attending to the quantity indented for to ſerve the cavalry, which was deficient in many thouſand bags, and the cavalry ſuffered greatly thereby; ſee the proof of that deficiency (* p. 195). In regard to this general Return, I have only to repeat my former obſervations, that a large proportion of theſe proviſions was carried off by the Tranſports when M. Suffrein appeared off Cuddalore, June 16th; and that every ſpecies of grain, on the average taken when brought to camp, turned out to be *one-ſixth* leſs than the quantity reported originally to have been ſhipped at the Preſidency. J. S. 1784.

† See my Anſwer (p. 255 to 258), and obſerve my ſituation and employment at the time of knowing the *ſurprize* here mentioned, poſſibly with ſome view to make a puzzle in the correſpondence about the ſouthern co-operation! J. S. 1784.

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| Gram, | *By the Reſolution,* | *Bags* | 1210 | |
| | *By the Harriett,* | *Do.* | 330 | |
| | *By the Minerva,* | *Do.* | 613 | |
| | *By the Succeſs Galley,* | *Do.* | 532 | |
| | | *Total Bags* | | 2685 |

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| Rice, | *Bags,* | 25,788 |
| Gram, | Do. | 2685 |
| Biſcuit, | *Maunds,* | 1224 |
| Salt, | *Marcals,* | 930 |
| Arrack, | *Gallons,* | 8702 |

Fort St. George, 29th May 1783. (Signed) WILLIAM ROSS, Agent.

## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June* 17, 1783.

ENCLOSED are Triplicate of our Letter to you, of the 3d inſtant, and copy of a Letter, which we have judged it neceſſary to write to Colonel Fullarton, in conſequence of your not having yet acknowledged the receipt of the former.

* This Letter was received by me on the 29th of June (ſee p. 282 to 288), and in it was encloſed the Triplicate of the Letter from Select Committee, June 3d, which is ſtated at full length (p. 417 to 426). I need only here add, to the obſervations on that occaſion, that the orders of Select Committee, here repeated, *countermanding* the co-operation of the ſouthern force, were iſſued *after* they had received full information from me of the urgent call for that co-operation and junction: and I muſt obſerve, that the contents of my Letter to the Admiral, forwarded by him on the 14th of June, with the particulars of the action of the 13th, muſt moſt probably have been known at the Preſidency when this Letter of the 17th was wrote. (See Correſpondence, V. Adm. Sir E. Hughes, p. 45 to 47.) J. S. 1784.

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Intelligence from Trincomalee, June 10th, by a Portugueſe ſhip from thence on Sunday laſt. [Communicated by the Admiral to Major General Stuart, .]

M. Suffrein is lying in Back Bay, with 15 line of battle ſhips, including the *Conſolant* of 44 guns; he means to ſail for Cuddalore as ſoon as the *Fendant*, *Cleopatra*, and *Coventry*, have joined him; the tranſport that was with them when chaced, has joined him. He has laid up the *La Fine*, *Bellona*, *Pourvoyeuſe*, and *L'Appolon*, to man the line of battle ſhips; but they ſay they have 5 or 6 hundred ſick, and more falling down every day; they have fortified *Flag Staff Point*, and placed two or three mortars there; they have not yet made a ditch between the upper and lower forts, but intend doing ſo; the works are in a good ſtate of defence, but the defenders are almoſt in want of every thing; they place all their dependence on the ſucceſs of their Fleet. *The two tranſports under convoy of the Fendant, carried nothing to Cuddalore but powder, ſhot, and ſhells*; they ſaid they had heard of eight two-decked Dutch Indiamen armed for war, four of which they have been expecting at Trincomalee ſome time, the other four go to Batavia.—They know of no French line of battle ſhips at *Mauritius* from France; they ſpeak of four joining them ſoon, but with uncertainty. Agreeable to the orders M. Suffrein received from M. Buſſy, he would have been to the *northward* with his Fleet, had not the Eng-

We ſend you alſo a paper of intelligence communicated by a Sepoy of the 9th battalion, eſcaped from Bidenore; and we are concerned to acquaint you, that ſeveral other accounts tend to confirm the actual ſurrender of that place, the 28th of April: nor are the oppoſite accounts received by you * from the ſouthward ſufficiently clear and preciſe to relieve us from our apprehenſions of that event.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^R DAVIDSON.

* The miſtaken intelligence of B. G. Mathews and Bidenore being ſafe did not originate with me (ſee † p. 204, Extract 2d, p. 219, Extract 1ſt, p. 224). But after that misfortune was known, the Select Committee became, as I think, much more culpable when they promoted the *ſeparate inland* expedition to the weſtward, previous to making ſure work with the French at Cuddalore (ſee Remarks, p. 240 to 243, and 287, 288).

J. S. 1784.

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liſh appeared off Trincomalee, which made him apprehend they had troops in for the attack of the place, if he quitted it.

By a Letter from *Cochin* they mention, that from Bombay they heard that the preliminaries for a general peace was ſigned the 4th December laſt. *They mention that Tippoo Sahib has drove the Engliſh from all the places they had taken from him on the Malabar coaſt.* They give out that Jamaica is taken, but don't mention from what authority. The Hornby is at Trincomalee, but they have no thought of making her a fighting ſhip at preſent.

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Mackintoſh to Mr. B. Cochrane; Tranquebar, June 11, 1783. } "*The veſſels that arrived here laſt night, were the Fortitude, and a ſnow called the Argyleſhire, both purchaſed by Mr.* of Trincomalee; *which place they left the 8th inſtant.—Suffrein was ſtill there waiting for the Fendant to join him, in order to ſail for the coaſt.—The Sea Horſe ſpoke theſe veſſels laſt night, and, I ſuppoſe, went immediately with the intelligence; I think muſt have gone to the Admiral, as I have ſeen nothing of her all this day.—The veſſel that is now coming from the ſouthward this evening, is ſuppoſed to be the Mary ſnow, which was to leave Trincomalee the day after Mr. . She is purchaſed by the Danes.*"

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From Captain Haliday to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Iſis, 12th June 1783. (Received June .) } *We received the bullocks agreeably to your order, and are very much obliged. It will be of infinite ſervice to his Majeſty's ſhips to be ſupplied with three days meat at a time, for which reaſon I have ſent an account of the expence.—I can aſſure you the*

## From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June* 23, 1783.

I WROTE to you by the Morſe Indiaman on the 19th inſtant; and ſent a Duplicate by Harcarrah. I have the mortification to inform you, that the Morſe returned to theſe roads yeſterday evening, after having

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*the ſcurvy is prevailing very faſt, and could meat be procured for the whole Fleet, it would be the ſaving of many lives, as alſo ſecuring our ſuperiority on float.*

(Signed) CHRIS. HALIDAY.

*Bullocks wanted * for the next three days,* 22; *but after the* 15*th June, about* 30 *bullocks every third day.*

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Mackintoſh to Mr. B. Cochrane; Tranquebar, June 12th, 1783.

"*A Letter from the Admiral, dated the* 10*th, ſays, that Captain Drew is looking out to windward, and that he would give a call here; but I have not ſeen any thing of him, nor do I know what ſhip he commands.—Our Fleet is at Porto-novo.—The Admiral did not hear from the General the* 10*th.—The St. Carlos is diſpatched to Madras again.—Black reports ſay here, that our people are in poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum, and that Seyd Sahib and all his party are gone off.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. B. Cochrane to M. Gen. Stuart, Negapatam, June 13th, 1783.

"*I take the earlieſt opportunity of informing you of a fleet being now off this, ſtanding to the northward, conſiſting of* 19 *large and ſmall ſhips and* 2 *ſnows; in all* 21 *ſail, no colours hoiſted;* 4 *of the ſhips are viſibly much ſmaller than the others.*"

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EXTRACT.

From Mr. Mackintoſh to M. Gen. Stuart; Tranquebar, June 14, 1783, 6 o'clock, A. M.

"*I did myſelf the honour of writing you yeſterday by Cattamaran the intelligence I then had, which I hope is come ſafe to your hands.—The French Fleet is ſtill in ſight to the northward, but now under ſail and ſteering northward.—They conſiſt of* 15 *ſhips of the line,* 3 *frigates, and* 2 *ſmall veſſels. I hope Sir Edward Hughes will render a good account of them. He has before this time notice of them.*"

* Theſe, and as many more bullocks as C. Haliday needed, were delivered to him. J. S. 1784.

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having happily proceeded as far as Sadras; but, having received certain intelligence that the French Fleet was four miles on this ſide Pondicherry, could not venture to proſecute her voyage. She is however kept ready to ſail the moment we hear that the coaſt is ſafe. We have no Letters from you of a later date than the 15th *; but there are ſome in town of the 18th, one of which informs us, that M. Suffrein had found means to deceive our Fleet and get into Cuddalore roads during the night,

* My conſtant attention and occupation during *the criſis*, after the French Fleet were maſters at ſea (June 17) in ſight of our Army, will *beſt* appear by reference from p. 218 to 250, and ought to account for my *not* writing ſo regularly to the Preſidency.

J. S. 1784.

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EXTRACT.

From B. Cloſe (Aid-de-camp), to Lieut. Brickmire, commanding at Chillumbrum, dated Camp in Advance, ſouth of Cuddalore, June 15, 1783.

*I am deſired, by the Commander in Chief, to acquaint you that he has received your Letter of yeſterday's date.—The contents are very agreeable to him.*

The French Fleet are now at anchor at the mouth of the Devicottah river.—*The General hopes you will not let yourſelf be ſurpriſed by any French party from their Fleet, but, on the contrary, pick up their ſtragglers, and get every intelligence concerning them.*

Our Fleet is come nearer to us, *and the General wiſhes to have ſome cattle and ſheep from you to preſent to the Admiral.*

*In ſhort, Mr. Brickmire, I can tell you, that the Commander in Chief looks upon your command as a very principal ſupport to the Army, and he will make it turn out of ſervice to you if you can ſupply us with cattle and grain,* beſides protecting Porto-novo and along the river, while the Admiral waters at that place, which he will do in not many days hence; *and ſo ſoon as your reinforcement comes from Tanjore, you will make a proper diſpoſition for the purpoſe.*

*You will ſend to the General the quickeſt intelligence of every thing that paſſes, and get your guns ready for ſervice as ſoon as poſſible.*

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From Captain Haliday to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Iſis, June 15, 1783. (Received June .)

*I ſincerely join with the Admiral on your ſucceſſes, and the ſupport you met with from the good troops under your command; from every appearance I hope to ſee the game is up with the French. The Fleet ſeems afraid of ſharing the ſame fate as their Army; nor do I believe they wiſh to fight ſo well,—ſhould they riſk a battle, you will ſee a good account given of them. The Admiral will not move, I believe, till they proceed clear of us to the northward,*

where he took on board a number of troops, in conſequence of which you had been ſuffered to go on with your works without interruption. All this ſeems unaccountable to us, as well as the nature of our ſea operations; and we wait with great impatience to hear from you.

Yeſterday the True Briton arrived here from Bombay, in twenty-two days. She brings news of the peace being ſigned at Paris on the 20th January, and ratified there on the 8th of February. The Preliminary Articles are in all the news-papers. We have no official information of

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*northward, without a favourable opportunity of wind. M. Suffrein ſeems at a loſs with all his* fire; *he has met with a ſuperior check from the good conduct and coolneſs of ſuperior officers by land and ſea. I did not mean to trouble you again for freſh meat for our people, knowing you muſt have ſomething more on hand, but the Admiral requeſting me to ſend ſome for the poor fellows (who you ſo kindly expreſſed), being much in want; and could it be done, would be a very material matter* *; *any number of bullocks from one to two hundred, if poſſible to be had, ſhall be forwarded to the Fleet. Any commands you have on me ſhall be cheerfully complied with, with wiſhes for your future ſucceſs.*

(Signed) CHRIS. HALIDAY.

EXTRACT.

From Lieut. Brickmire to M. Gen. Stuart, dated Chillumbrum, 19th June 1783. } *I beg leave to inform you, that I have received your Letter of the 18th inſtant; alſo acquainting you that the cattle I mentioned to you, I have them here under cover of ſhot, about* five thouſand *bullocks. Sheep I can get none; and bullocks there is no more to be had; for the enemy has ſweeped all away, and carried all the cattle by* Verdachelum.

When I ſaw our Fleet coming from the ſouthward, and off Porto-novo river about 3 o'clock yeſterday evening, I immediately diſpatched a Letter for the Admiral, and acquainted him of the ſnow being in Devicottah river; alſo that I could ſupply him with any number of bullocks he may want; but I have received no anſwer, as the Fleet ſailed away towards the northward, and this day the two Fleets are in ſight of Chillumbrum.

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*I am informed that yeſterday the enemy's horſe has plundered and deſtroyed the diſtricts of Combeconum in the Tanjore country and all by the river's ſide.*

(Signed) P. BRICKMIRE.

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TRANSLATION *of a French Officer's* SEA JOURNAL, from May 24th to June 23d, 1783. (Communicated to M. G. S. in the uſual channel of his *ſeparate* intelligence.)

*May 24th at 9 A. M. the Engliſh Fleet* hove *in ſight of Trincomalee;—at 5 P. M. they were within three miles of* Back Bay, *and a frigate, and the* Chaſer *cloſe in.*

* See † p. 307.

of this event *; yet I think there can be no doubt of it; but, what is very extraordinary, we have not received a ſingle line of any ſort whatſoever from Bombay, by this conveyance; but we know from other hands that General Mathews and his whole force had been obliged to capitulate and ſurrender Bidenore to Tippoo in the end of

* See my obſervation on hearing of the *chance* of this news regarding the Preliminaries (p. 144. 177. 201). Every argument of this ſort ought to have weighed in the ſcale *for early and effectual co-operation from the ſouthward*, againſt Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

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*At this time there were in Back Bay* 8 *ſhips of the line, the Coventry frigate,* 1 *Dutch ſhip, and* 3 *or* 4 *Tranſports, lying in an irregular manner, without ſprings on their cables, and in no condition to engage, as moſt of their men were on ſhore;—immediately on the Engliſh Fleet appearing,* M. Suffrein *hoiſted his flag on board the* Hannibal, *one of the above ſhips, and was buſy all the day in towing the ſhips into order. The breeze from the Eaſtward and Engliſh Fleet ſtanding right in.*

The Batteries on *Flag Staff Point* (the ſhips lying in Back Bay) are conſtructed as follows:

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| *The lower Battery of* 5 *guns,* | *There were none there ready.* |
| *The middle ditto, of* 7 *ditto, and* 1 *mortar,* | *In this only* 2 *guns not mounted on carriages.* |
| *The upper ditto, of* 8 *ditto, and* 1 *ditto.* | *In this only* 5 *guns and a mortar ready.* |

The ſhips in *Trincomalee* harbour this day were as follows:

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| 1*ſt*, *The* Hero *of* 74 *guns,* | *Had no water on board.* |
| 2*d*, *The* Sphinx *of* 64 *ditto.* | |
| 3*d*, *The* Brillant *of* 64 *ditto,* | *Bowſprit out, and ſtripped of her lower rigging.* |
| 4*th*, *The* Engliſh Hannibal *of* 54 *ditto,* | *Ready.* |
| 5*th*. | |
| 6*th*. | |
| 7*th*. | |
| 8*th*, *The* Conſolant *of* 40 *guns,* | *Ready.* |
| 9*th*, *The* Cleopatra *of* 40 *ditto,* | *Ditto.* |
| 10*th*, *The* La Fine *of* 40 *ditto,* | *Diſarmed, and men taken for the ſhips of the line, leaving on board a few black people to pump them.* |
| 11*th*, *The* Apollo *of* 42 *ditto,* | |
| 12*th*, *The* Pourvoyeuſe *of* 42 *ditto,* | |
| 13*th*, *The* Bellona *of* 38 *ditto,* | |

*May* 25*th*. *At* 6 *A. M. the Engliſh Fleet* in ſight *ſtanding to the ſouthward, and in the evening out of ſight; during this day* M. Suffrein *got the* 8 *ſhips in* Back Bay *into a line, and brought out* 2 *ſhips of the line from Trincomalee harbour.*

April. Onore and Mangalore * are ſtill ours, and may continue ſo, if we can contrive to reinforce them ſoon. Colonel Humberſton and Major Shaw are dead of the wounds they received in the ſea fight on board the Ranger with the Mharattas. Colonel Macleod and his companions have been releaſed, and are now at Bombay. You will hear from the Committee to-morrow.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

* The reinforcement for Mangalore, as has been been repeatedly obſerved, could only be ſent *by ſea*, as was the caſe, in the proper ſeaſon, and never could be done by any poſſible *inland* operation in a weſtern direction, either towards Pallicatcherry or Coimbatore, as was ignorantly ſuppoſed (ſee p. 414). and Remarks, p. 240 to 243. J. S. 1784.

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*May* 26*th, Brought out* 3 *more ſhips of the line from Trincomalee harbour.*

27*th, Brought out the remainder to* Back Bay *(the Hero and Brillant), ſo that* M. Suffrein *had ready* 15 *ſhips of the line, the* Cleopatra *and* Coventry *frigates. The* Conſolant *frigate remained in Trincomalee harbour, and did not come out till the* 10*th June, they being buſy pointing her.*

28*th,* ☞ *In the afternoon ſailed the* Fendant *of* 64 *guns, and the* Cleopatra *and* Coventry *frigates, and* two *ſtore-ſhips for* Cuddalore.

31*ſt, At half paſt* 9 *A. M. the Engliſh Fleet appeared again.*

*June* 1*ſt, At* 6 *A. M.* in ſight, *during this night* 2 *Engliſh priſoners made their eſcape in a boat from one of the tranſports, and went on board the Engliſh Fleet.*

2*d, At day-break* in ſight *again, at half paſt* 10 *P. M. out of ſight. This day the whole French Fleet got ſprings on their cables.*

10*th, The* Fendant *and* Cleopatra *returned from Cuddalore, and anchored in* Back Bay.

11*th, The whole French Fleet weighed from* Back Bay, *and ſtood for the coaſt.*

13*th, At ſun-riſe off Negapatam.*

14*th, In ſight of the Engliſh Fleet at anchor between* Porto-novo *and* Cuddalore; *at half paſt* 4 *P. M. anchored S. and by E. from the Engliſh Fleet, and about* 3 *leagues diſtance.*

15*th, At* 11 *A. M. the French Fleet weighed.*

16*th, At half paſt* 2 *P. M. the Engliſh Fleet got under weigh, ſeeing the French Fleet drawing near them.*

17*th, The French Fleet anchored before Cuddalore, and took on board ſome men.*

18*th, The French Fleet got under weigh, and made ſail towards the Engliſh Fleet.*

☞ This French Journal is given here *ſolely* for the purpoſe of fixing dates. I do not anſwer for preciſion in any other matter treated of. J. S. 178[illegible].

## From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June* 19, 1783.

YOUR Letter of the 15th inſtant, to the Committee, has been received by them *; and, as I *preſume* they will ſoon reply to it, I only write to acquaint you at preſent, that the Morſe Indiaman, which ſails this night, will carry to you 9500 bags of rice, and 1600 bags of gram; and I am treating with the Captain of the Nancy grab,

* This Letter was ſent by the Preſident ſome time after the account of the *action of the 13th* (p. 218 to 225) had been received. I beg to refer particularly to that *Letter*, and to our ſituation at the time, and to the very remarkable circumſtance, that notwithſtanding of Lord M.'s *preſuming* concerning a reply, yet excepting *his ſaying here, that it was received*, there never was any other acknowledgment or return made to the brave Army under my command for their behaviour on that remarkable occaſion.—The actions and merit of the Army on that day will ſpeak out, independent of Lord M. or his *commentaries* (ſee his Minute in my abſence, June 25th, (6) p. 16).

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*June 20th, The two Fleets engaged at 4 P. M. which laſted till half paſt 6 in the evening.*

*21ſt, The French Fleet anchored 1 league and a half from the ſhore, Pondicherry bearing W. N. W.*

*22d, At 6 A. M. the French Fleet weighed and hove in ſight of the Engliſh Fleet ſtanding for Madras.*

*23d, The French Fleet anchored again before Cuddalore.*

*From the moment the two Fleets got under weigh, they continued in ſight of one another;—the* Engliſh *trying to get the weather-gage,* wearing *more than* tacking, *by which means delayed coming to an engagement ſeveral times, until the 20th, when it was impoſſible to retard it.—The Engliſh, ſeeing the* French Fleet *get under weigh on the 22d June, edged away, the* French *bore down towards them, but ſeeing that they wanted to draw them on towards* Madras, *the French ſteered for* Cuddalore, *where the Engliſh Fleet had left their Army, &c. &c.*

*When* M. de Suffrein *left Trincomalee, he took all the men on board except* 500, *which he left in* Fort Oſtenberg *to protect the* La Fine, Apollo, Pourvoyeuſe, *and* Bellona *frigates, diſarmed, with only a few black people on board to pump them.*

which is coppered, to proceed alſo with rice and gram *, and the reinforcement of the Hanoverians, recovered men, and recruits, as you deſire: at all events the Winterton Indiaman will be diſpatched to you loaded, the moment ſhe can be got ready;—but we are not able to get on as faſt as we could wiſh, the number of our boats is ſo much diminiſhed, by the abſence of the *twenty* which we ſent to you to the ſouthward, by the wreck of others in the late ſqualls, and the flight of many of the boatmen, that we at preſent have not near a fourth of the proper complement for the duty of the port.

I know not whether your information with reſpect to gram be *right* † or *wrong*; but I know that you deſired, in your paper ſigned James Stuart, and dated Camp S. of Palar, April 22d, 1783, certain quantities of horſe-gram, proportioned to three months rice; and that Mr. Roſs, the agent, informs me that he has complied with Mr. Kenworthy's indents accordingly, and that it is his intention to continue to do ſo. He has already ſent 4610 bags, and he has near 5000 more, which he intends to diſpatch as opportunities offer, which will much exceed Mr. Kenworthy's indents.—2248 bags of gram make

* The ſupplies and the reinforcements here mentioned never arrived; and it ſeems *now*, though too late, felt *(to be of any uſe)* that the force needed againſt ſuch numbers of French regular troops at Cuddalore, did not anſwer to the *theoretic* diſcuſſions and reaſonings of Lord M. &c. in their preceding Letters (ſee particularly p. 417 to 426).

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† It is preſumed that Lord M. at the time of writing, did refer to the paper ſigned by me, as here ſtated; and if he did, he muſt know that I was *right* in what I aſſerted, becauſe, in that paper (p. 17, N° 1), the *ſecond* article, viz. 120 *garce for the cavalry*, was to be provided, over and above what he mentions concerning Mr. Kenworthy's indents, which ſeems to apply only to the *third* article (p. 17); and the conſequent deficiency of many thouſand bags, is ſtated, p. 195. It ſeems indeed very fortunate, that I am able, upon *this*, as well as *other* occaſions, to bring the Right Hon. Preſident's *doubtful* hypothetic aſſertions or reaſonings, *cloſe* to matter of fact and proof.

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the proportion of gram to 15,199 bags of rice, or one month's consumption.

Every exertion is making on our part to assist you; but I should hope, considering the condition of the enemy *, that by a *vigorous speedy* prosecution of the business you are now engaged in, the object of your present operations may be accomplished as soon as our supplies can reach you. You will probably hear from Sir John the condition of his regiment, and the time † it will be able to march. The 12th battalion of Sepoys will accompany them as you desire, otherwise I should send them by sea.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

* Lord Macartney, if he refers to my Letter (p. 211 to 217), must have had every possible proof at the time, of the most *vigorous and speedy* prosecution of the *real* business; and the object of my *then* operations would have been accomplished seasonably and completely, if he in *his* station had not crossed and counteracted, in different ways, the essential parts of the plan for the most important national service in which I was engaged, and had (with *his* knowledge of the action of the 13th) risked so much to accomplish. There needed, therefore, no such prompting from *him* as an individual.

If in the operations of that day (June 13th), so much was risked and suffered for the *speedy* attainment of our object, and after our reinforcements and stores from the Presidency had arrived; what, I ask in candour! would have been our case, had we (because of knowing of *M. Bussy*'s Letter *, received May 23d) moved towards our ultimate ground *before* the 7th of June, when those stores and reinforcements *first* came in sight? Nothing, I say, but utter disgrace and destruction! (see Remarks fronting p. 112).—What must one say then, of Lord Macartney, who, upon the 25th of June, *while I was absent on* ☞ *this service, with the proofs of every thing in his possession*, was capable of writing the Minute of that date presented to Committee, and which was *not* known to me until several weeks after! see that Minute June 25th (N° 4, p. 7), and Observations July 23d, in the Collection. J. S. 1784.

† This regiment of dragoons, and the Sepoys, which in Lord M.'s &c. Letter of June 3d, is called a *further* reinforcement, and *there* unfairly counted upon, as part of the force that was to supply the want of the southern co-operation at Cuddalore, is *now* found by him, at this *late* date, to be *not* even then in the way of moving from the Presidency; and never could be in time for the operations against Cuddalore. J. S. 1784.

* See Corresp. Adm. p. 11, 12. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From the Preſident (Lord MACARTNEY) to Major General STUART.

*Fort St. George, June* 24, 1783.

I WROTE to you laſt night, informing you of the arrival of a ſhip from Bombay the day before, and the news of a peace, which ſhe brought †. I mentioned that we have no official information of the event. This morning early the Medea arrived from the Fleet, which brings the encloſed Letter from the Admiral. The whole Fleet is now in ſight; and we have ſent to invite the Admiral to a Committee to-morrow morning, the reſult of which, and our orders for your conduct, we ſhall ſend you without delay. We flatter ourſelves the Admiral has not taken that ſtep of returning here, without communicating it to you. I have the honour to be *, *with great truth*,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

(Signed) MACARTNEY.

* The Right Honourable Preſident, the day after ſending me this Letter, did me the favour to preſent to Select Committee *his Minute of June 25th*, as appears in this Collection, to which I have annexed the *obſervations* I thought proper to make upon that ſingular performance, after I returned from the Field, in July 1783. J. S. 1784.

† Obſerve what I ſay, May 26th (p. 144) upon the *probability* of an approaching peace. J. S. 1784.

[Encloſure

[Enclosure in the preceding.]

## * From Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD HUGHES, K. B. &c. to the Right Honourable GEORGE Lord MACARTNEY, K. B. President and Governor, &c. Select Committee of Fort St. George.

*Superb, at anchor off Allamparva,*

MY LORD and GENTLEMEN, *23d of June* 1783.

I HAVE the honour of your Letters of the 11th and 15th of this inſtant by the *Lizard* and *Naiade*. I am to inform you that on the 16th the enemy's Squadron bore down upon that under my command off Cuddalore, upon which I made the ſignal to weigh in purſuit of the enemy; the 17th, 18th, and 19th, we continued it in order to gain the wind of the enemy, that an action might by that means be more deciſive;—the 20th had ſuch appearance, but the wind ſhifting in their favour, and bearing down to engage, I determined to receive them;—at 5 minutes paſt 4 P. M. an engagement enſued; but the enemy having it in their power to take their diſtance, the engagement continued till night put an end to it, with the loſs of 103 officers and men on our part, and 429 wounded. I ſaw nothing of the enemy the day after, while we were employed learning the ſtate of the ſhips of the Squadron, and lying to, repairing our damage. The enemy's Squadron appeared again yeſterday morning at anchor in ſhore, got under weigh, and kept their wind to the South-Eaſt.

I ſhall ſend the wounded in the ſtore-ſhips, &c. that are of no uſe to us, being empty, after taking out their water and men, to enable

* It is remarkable that the *firſt* Letter, where I could with *ſafety* communicate to the Select Committee our ſituation *after the Fleet had left us*, was dated on the very ſame day with the preceding Addreſs from the Admiral, *June* 23*d* (p. 250 to 255), which I beg leave to refer to. J. S. 1784.

us to continue to the ſouthward in purſuit of the enemy, and ſupport of the expedition againſt Cuddalore, which I hope will ſoon take effect, *as I underſtand every neceſſary was landed before I ſtood out of the Road* *, *and that the enemy's Squadron has not impeded the General's operations.*

I ſhall look out for the *Montague*, *Francis*, and *Winterton*, the ſhips you intend for our ſupply, and remain by that means as long as I can to the ſouthward, notwithſtanding the ſtate of the Squadron, in want of men, water, and proviſions. In reſpect to the *firſt*, above 1100 men ſhort in ſick, wounded and loſt in battle, excluſive of ſhort of complement before.

The co-operation at *Negapatam* and *Cuddalore*, are different things. There was no enemy's Squadron to look after; the intended ſupplies came to us without protection there; here they muſt be protected from the enemy's Squadron, as the *Briſtol*, *Naiade*, *Lizard*, and *St. Carlos*, have fortunately been.

I ſent the *Active* to try if *Porto-novo* could ſupply water; Captain Troubridge found it in poſſeſſion of the Looties; had it been otherwiſe, there was no craft or Cattamarans † to be engaged for the purpoſe,

* The Admiral muſt have been miſinformed as to our proviſions and ſtores having been *all* landed—it was not ſo; the maſters of tranſports on the 16th carried away with them a great part of their cargoes.—It is poſſible that the *laſt* words of my Letter to the Admiral of June 20th (Correſp. Adm. p. 26, 27) may have given riſe to the ſuppoſition of our operations *not being impeded*; they were not more than commonly ſo at the time of my writing (June 20th), but I was obliged to keep on the *defenſive* after the enemy came to anchor in Cuddalore Roads, and land men from the ſhips;—their *ſortie* took place the 25th.—*The ſituation of our Army, and the ſtate of my own mind*, may be ſeen in my Correſpondence with Government, at and ſubſequent to June 23d! (p. 250. 255. 258. 260. 263. 277. 280). J. S. 1784.

† *In order to avoid miſtakes on my part, I ſhall, as follows, put down the moſt remarkable incidents in the order of dates, after we took poſſeſſion of Chillumbrum (which is ſituated upon the Porto-novo river), and I ſhall take leave to refer to the authorities in this Collection.*

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poſe, and that ſhip was obliged to return on my getting under ſail to receive the enemy.

I anchored here laſt night to ſhift top-maſts, divide the water, put the wounded into the tranſports, neceſſary to be done, to put the ſhips into a condition to attack the enemy to advantage.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

(Signed) EDW^D HUGHES.

June 12th. (Correſp. Adm. p. 19 to 21, and 45). Captain Haliday is *there* made acquainted by me, for the Admiral's information, that every thing was getting ready for the watering of the Fleet in *Porto-novo* river, and for that purpoſe Chillumbrum would be in our poſſeſſion that night.—Water and proviſions meanwhile found near our landing-place for the Iſis, frigates, and tranſports; p. 457; and Correſp. Adm. p. 17, 18.

June 14th. (Ditto, p. 22 to 26, and 45 to 47). The Admiral is informed of the particulars of the action of the 13th, and that we ſaw to the bottom of the walls at Cuddalore, and *that I ſhould do for the French in leſs time than I laſt mentioned to Sir Edward, provided I was covered by ſea*; alſo that I had taken poſſeſſion of *Chillumbrum*, and my reaſons for ſo doing.—See my Correſpondence with Select Committee and others (p. 216, 220, 221. 224. 229, 230 to 232).

June 15th, is the date of the laſt Letter while on ſervice, which I had the honour to receive *from* the Admiral (Correſp. Adm. p. 47, 48).—On the ſame day I gave orders to the Quarter-maſter-general to ſend as many cattle to C. Haliday *for the Fleet* as he could carry off at a time (ſee ditto p. 20).

June 16th. The proviſion and ſtore-ſhips, taking with them a conſiderable part of their lading, left the coaſt.

June 20th. There were 22 Madras Maſſulah boats in perfect repair, fit to carry *four butts* of water each, which I made uſe of to tranſport rice from the *beach* to the detachment at *Porto-novo*; beſides theſe, the Catamarans, and other craft with the Army, were all ready for watering the Fleet at *Porto-novo*, either *within* the bar, or in any other way the Admiral had choſe (ſee p. 237. 246, 247. 253. 256).

June 20th. Captain Richard Scott, of the Bengal detachment, with two battalions, took poſſeſſion of Porto-novo (ſee p. 237, 238); where even *all* the ſhips boats of the Fleet might have watered *within the bar*, far up the river, and in ſight of Chillumbrum, if they choſe. (See Ext. p. 463; alſo Correſp. Adm. p. 26, 27.) That place being about a mile from the river. J. S. 1784.

## POSTSCRIPT.

My Lord and Gentlemen, *Superb, off Sadras, June* 23, 1783.

Since writing the above, I find the debilitated ſtate of his Majeſty's Squadron in general, particularly being conſiderably ſhort of complement in men, excluſive of great numbers ſick on board, and at the hoſpital, beſides above 500 men killed and wounded in the late engagement with the French Squadron off *Porto-novo*, by which many of the ſhips are ſo reduced as hardly to be able to weigh their anchors, or to be navigated, much leſs to attack the enemy with any hope of advantage; the extreme want of water, which cannot be ſupplied in our preſent ſituation; the defects in the hulls, maſts, and yards, not to be repaired without returning into port; *for theſe reaſons I have judged it abſolutely neceſſary his Majeſty's Squadron ſhould proceed immediately to Madras, in order to its being put into a ſtate to attack the enemy to effect with all poſſible expedition.*

(Signed) E. H.

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* From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Camp at Trichinopoly Plain, June* 24, 1783.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Letters and Duplicates of the 16th, 17th, and 19th inſtant. They reached me *laſt night and this morning, as well as your Letters of the ſame date to Mr. Sulivan.* I ſhall not loſe a moment in carrying your orders into execu-

* This Letter was received by me on the 29th of June (ſee my anſwer, p. 279, 280). It came *firſt* to me in *Triplicate* through Mr. B. Cochrane, and to him by the Tanjore Tapal *in two days, and in two days more to me* (ſee alſo the Colonel's Letter to him, p. 278, 279). The *firſt* and *ſecond* of the ſame Letter, dated the 24th, were received by me ſoon after. J. S. 1784.

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execution; had I conceived myſelf at liberty to proceed on my arrival here, I ſhould not have remained; but, as I did not know the *route* * or objects that you wiſhed me to have in view, till the arrival of your Letters, or rather thoſe of Mr. Cochrane, which only reached me on

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After Chillumbrum was in our poſſeſſion, I commonly ſent one ſet of Letters in that direction to Tanjore, which, in ordinary courſe, ſhould arrive there the *third day* in the morning, and it required ſcarce *one* day more from Tanjore to Trichinopoly; I likewiſe ſent Duplicates through Mr. Cochrane at Tranquebar to Tanjore and Trichinopoly; it required *one day* from Tranquebar to Tanjore, and it will be found that the Letters on the *return* to Mr. C. kept that time; I ſent, moreover, a ſet of Letters to Trichinopoly by a particular meſſenger in the route of Warrior, and yet, *by a fatality*, my moſt important daily diſpatches, both to the Colonel and to Mr. J. Sulivan, from the 16th of June, *informing of our ſituation after M. Suffrein was maſter at ſea*, had arrived at Trichinopoly *all of them on the very ſame day!* (the 24th of June.) (See on this ſubject, p. 278 to 283).

J. S. 1784.

* The *extraordinary delay* of Tapals, ſeems to have been a moſt unfortunate † circumſtance for the public ſervice *ſouth* of the Coleroon from firſt to laſt.—But, to ſpeak now to the preſent point, I am to obſerve, that the orders of May 31ſt (p. 163) were fully known to the commanding officer at Trichinopoly, and forwarded by him on the 6th of June to the Colonel, and to Mr. J. Sulivan (p. 205), to whom my Letters were *in common*; on the 7th, therefore, Mr. S. as Reſident ‡, and having charge of the countries, muſt have known the time when the Colonel would arrive at Trichinopoly, to be prepared for it; and my Letter, as I calculated, would arrive the 19th, ſo as the Colonel might paſs the Coleroon immediately after it reached him, as I did not *then* think it ſafe or prudent to divulge the *route* to his force *until the 16th*; and indeed, independent of that conſideration, it will be found, (p. 199 to 201), that it was the 10th of June before I heard of the Colonel's ſituation at Daraporam; and on the 15th, in my Letters to Sel. Com. and Mr. Sulivan (p. 217 and 225), I am even *then* unacquainted with the Colonel's particular poſition, and it was only the day following (the 16th, p. 436, 437), that I had heard from the Colonel *directly* in anſwer to my orders for his return to the Coleroon; on which very day I wrote to him (p. 226), and ſent the *route he was to take from Trichinopoly to join me*; and, as above obſerved, I had every reaſon to think, from the different directions in which I ſent *my Letters of June 16th*, the Colonel would have received them on the 19th at fartheſt; inſtead of which, as appears by the preceding, he had not received *that Letter until the 24th*, which he anſwers on the 25th to Mr. Cochrane, although all the Colonel's Letters, *after* his arrival in Trichinopoly Plain, had come to Mr. C. in *two* days *(through Tanjore)* to Tranquebar, and *ought* to have gone in the ſame time *from* Tranquebar to C. F. at Trichinopoly. See Ext. 1 and 3, p. 250. Ext. 2. p. 266. Ext. 1. p. 267. Ext. 2. p. 268. Ext. 2. p. 270. and * p. 474. relative to the date and receipt of this *preſent* Letter of June 24. J. S. 1784.

† See ‡ p. 452. J. S. 452.

‡ See Ext. 1. p. 218, and Ext. p. 456. J. S. 1784.

the 23d, I reſolved to employ the time to the beſt advantage, and therefore have been uſing every exertion to procure a ſupply of cattle and ſheep. I hope to ſend ſeveral thouſand of each, but the difficulty of driving them will be conſiderable. Captain Blacker, with the 24th and 7th battalions, ſurpriſed a body of the enemy at Saticolam, and took 17 horſes, and killed many more. The Coleroon is ſo deep, that I am afraid of ſome delay * in croſſing, but you may rely on every degree of diſpatch that can be effected by zeal and induſtry.

I am happy to congratulate you, Sir, on your very diſtinguiſhed ſucceſs againſt the outworks at Cuddalore—I truſt it will †*ſoon be deciſive*.

I am much flattered by your approbation of the arrangements I have made. I ſhall have the honour to write you of every other ſtep I may find neceſſary, in obedience to your orders; and am, with great reſpect, &c.

(Signed) W^m FULLARTON.

* The *depth* of the Coleroon at this *late* ſeaſon to prevent Colonel Fullarton's junction, had for many weeks been foretold ‡, and urged as *one* of the *many* principal reaſons why the Southern Force, if to be of any uſe in co-operation againſt the French at Cuddalore, ought to *approach* that river in May. Thoſe, therefore, whether as the Government of Fort St. George, or others acting under them, who have been in any way inſtrumental to *counteract* the original plan of the campaign, by diverting or retarding the *ſeaſonable* operations of that force from the great object of that campaign, are, in my opinion, anſwerable to the Public for the conſequences, in preventing the loſs which the French would have otherwiſe *deciſively* ſuſtained at Cuddalore. If, therefore, the *French* have remained in ſuch numbers in India §, immediately after the peace, and we have experienced *hoſtile intrigues on their part with Tippoo at Mangalore*, or elſewhere, it is, as I maintain, in direct conſequence of ſuch *counteraction*; becauſe, by the approach of the Southern Force in proper ſeaſon in May, our Admiral would have been made *palpably* certain of convenient plenty in water and freſh proviſions for his Fleet, and accommodation for the ſick, which would have put him entirely at eaſe to have remained ſouth of Cuddalore. The diſtreſſes of the Army were in natural conſequence of Sir Edward's quitting the windward ſtation. It is therefore, I ſay, that thoſe diſtreſſes, to the degree, at the time of announcing the preliminaries to Monſ. Buſſy (June 30), were *originally* occaſioned by the *counteraction* of Lord Macartney, &c. (p. 232 to 295); ſee alſo Remarks, p. 340. J. S. 1784.

† See *my plan both for expedition and deciſion*, p. 7, 8, Art. 14 to 17, p. 92, 93. 107. 128. 145. 162 to 165. 177, 178. 184. 191. 200. 203. J. S. 1784.

‡ See p. 117. 128 to 130. 141. 163. J. S. 1784.

§ See Remarks on Lord Macartney's Minute, Sept. 17th, 1783. App. State of Facts, N°5. p. 10. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From the Select Committee to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. July 2.]

*Fort St. George, June* 27, 1783.

WE have the honour to inform you, that at a meeting of the Select Committee held the 25th inſtant, we were unanimouſly agreed in the neceſſity of recalling you to the Preſidency, from whence, as you have a ſeat and voice in the Committee on military affairs, you ſhould be as little abſent as poſſible. Purſuant to this reſolution †, we direct you, on receipt hereof, to deliver over the command of the Carnatic Army in the field to Major General Bruce, and proceed yourſelf to the Preſidency with all convenient expedition.

(Signed) MACARTNEY.
ANTH. SADLEIR.
ALEX^R DAVIDSON.

* This Letter was delivered into my hands in Camp by Mr. Anthony Sadleir (ſecond in Council), on the afternoon of July 2d. What paſſed in conſequence will be ſeen by referring from p. 296 to 314, and State of Facts, p. 25, 26. J. S. 1784.

† REMARKS.

From the proceedings in Committee of June 25, it appears that this *abrupt recal* took place in conſequence of Lord Macartney's Minute of that day, exhibiting *for record* (while I was abſent on the public ſervice) *his own retroſpective view* of circumſtances moſtly relative to my conduct, and which is ſaid to be grounded on *incontrovertible* facts, but which, as I maintain, is full of *miſrepreſentation*,—to ſuch a degree, indeed, that on my *firſt* view of it in July, on returning to the Preſidency, I took leave to decompoſe and diſcuſs the Preſident's Minute pretty freely; and I ſhall ever eſteem it my particular good fortune to have been able *now* to throw the eſſential documents in this Collection into *form*, ſo as at any time to be eaſily referred to, for *my* ſupport againſt *miſrepreſentation* upon that and other occaſions; ſee Lord Macartney's Minute in Committee, *June 25th*, with my Obſervations, wherein, from *reſentment* of great perſonal injuries, worked up to the higheſt degree of *irritation*, I was led to mix expreſſions, which, on reflection (as I think) require an apology to be made on my part to the *Eaſt-India Company* for having entered them on *their records*, upon that occaſion, and perhaps on other *ſimilar* occaſions of obſerving upon the Minutes of *their Preſident*; but I fairly confeſs myſelf, from *temper* or *talents*, unequal to the taſk of expreſſing in moderate cool language an indignant warm ſenſe of the moſt wanton *miſrepreſentations* from that quarter, relative to my conduct, eſpecially after finding, as in the preſent caſe, ſuch miſrepreſentation *previouſly inſerted by Lord Macartney for record*, although directly contrary to the evidence of facts and authentic documents, which may be referred to in this Collection. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. July 3.]

*Camp in Seringham, June* 29, 1783.

I HAD the honour of writing to you on the 24th in Triplicate, and of aſſuring you that I would uſe my utmoſt efforts to croſs the rivers, and to proceed towards Cuddalore with the greateſt expedition, in obedience to your orders; ſince that time the rivers have been ſo deep†, that the Army, with its guns, ſtores, and equipage only reached this place on the 27th; and it was the opinion of Colonel Forbes, Major Bruce, Captain Tanner, Captain Vigors, and Captain Oram, delivered to me in writing, from a calculation of our means of conveyance, and of the quantity of articles to be tranſported acroſs the Coleroon, as well as from an exact inſpection of every circumſtance reſpecting the different departments, that the Army could not be on the high grounds at Monſarpet, on the oppoſite bank, ſooner than the 7th inſtant, unleſs the Coleroon ſhould become fordable. This you may be aſſured gave me moſt ſerious uneaſineſs; but I am now happy to inform you that the waters fell this morning. The Coleroon has been fordable a great part of the day, and the Army is in a great meaſure already acroſs, and will be completely ſo to-morrow morning, ſo that we ſhall, I truſt, meet with no farther obſtructions in our march.

* I communicated this Letter to Major General Bruce, after I gave up the command to him; ſee N° 2, p. 313; alſo my anſwer to C. Fullarton, p. 331.
J. S. 1784.

† The difficulties which the Colonel thus met with in paſſing the Coleroon *ſo late in the ſeaſon*, with every ſad conſequence of fruitleſs expenſive campaigning to the ſouthward of that river, after the reduction of Dindigul, *until we had done the buſineſs at Cuddalore*, were occaſioned, as I maintain (from the evidence in this Collection), by the moſt impolitic *counteraction* of the original Plan for the campaign againſt the French at Cuddalore; ſee p. 476 and Notes, and † p. 484. J. S. 1784.

The *Cavery* and *Nulla* in Seringham were more than five and five feet and a half deep, and the renter has been ſhamefully remiſs in allowing almoſt all the boats to be neglected or deſtroyed.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

*P. S.* I ſhall march to you with about * 330 Europeans, the 1ſt, 3d, 7th, 13th, 23d, 24th, and light infantry battalions, and 24 guns.—I conceived it neceſſary, according to the orders you have given me, to leave the Topaſs corps, the grenadier Sibendies, and the ſmall party of cavalry in the Southern country, in order to act as circumſtances may require for the purpoſes of collection or defence.

I am ſorry, Sir, that you ſhould have been at a loſs reſpecting the diſtribution or numbers of the Southern Troops. I am ſure that Colonel Lang had general returns regularly made out, and if they have not been ſent, it muſt have been owing to the hazard and danger of tranſmitting them. I have a *return* prepared for you † by me, which I ſhall have the honour of delivering in perſon.

(Signed) W. F.

* The force here mentioned by the Colonel, after he had (in conſequence of my orders), *replaced* the garriſons to the ſouthward, was *more* than ſufficient to anſwer every purpoſe for which I had originally calculated the *co-operation* of the Southern Force; and had it been encamped *even on the 29th of May*, where, by the Colonel's Letter, it was ☞ *only arrived on the 29th of June*—I repeat my moſt firm opinion, that every great national object in India would have been ſecured *before* the end of that month (June).

J. S. 1784.

† This *return of corps* (as to numbers) *left to the ſouthward of the Coleroon*, was ſent to me by C. F. through Mr. C. (p. 332), and was fully ſufficient for every intended purpoſe of ſecurity and collections in thoſe provinces, *after* the reduction of Dindigul, May 4th. See my Letters in *April* to C. Lang and C. Fullarton, p. 11. 12. 51. 52 to 55 and 92. It would have been fortunate for the public had their *(garriſon)* deſtination ſo remained ☞ fixed, and had the Colonel moved from Dindigul to Trichinopoly *without reinforcement*, after he came to the command, in May, as was my plan in thoſe Letters, and ſeems *ſo* underſtood by Colonel Lang, p. 135. and Correſp. Adm. p. 41. J. S. 1784.

From

## * From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

[Received by M. G. S. July 8.]

*Monſarpet, July* 1, 1783.

I HAD the honour to write to you in Duplicate, by your own Harcarahs, on the 29th, ſtating the obſtacles I had met with in croſſing the rivers and Nullas between Trichinopoly and Monſarpet; and this evening I tranſmit to Mr. Cochrane a *private* Letter † addreſſed to him, but meant for your information, explaining many circumſtances which have retarded us, but which do not immediately occur to any one at a diſtance, without explanation.

*I encloſe a Letter* ‡ *which I have received from the Select Committee, overruling all orders that have been previouſly tranſmitted to me. But I flatter myſelf that the very alarming accounts* § *I have received of the*

* I communicated this Letter to Major General Bruce in Camp ſouth of Cuddalore.—He ſent an anſwer to the Colonel. J. S. 1784.

† This Letter to Mr. B. Cochrane will be found (Extr. p. 309, 310.) It has no relation to the *ſeparate or private concerns of individuals*; I do not, therefore, know why the Colonel calls it *private*.—In the diſcuſſion of matters connected with the *campaign* where my conduct has been ſo outrageouſly attacked by Lord Macartney, &c. I have made it a rule to bring forward the information, whether *directly or indirectly* communicated to me, which can give light to the *public* tranſactions at *that* period; and, in ſo doing, I neither act in *concert*, nor have I thought myſelf called upon to aſk *permiſſion* of any one with whom I was in correſpondence; and I ſhall expect the ſame rule in *ſimilar caſes*, on the part of every perſon with whom I correſponded, either *directly or indirectly on the public ſervice*. I do not indeed ſee how, in any other way, the *real* ſtate of things can be known, or juſtice done to merit, as on this occaſion is due to Colonel Fullarton, for having overcome the difficulties which he *details* in this Letter to Mr. Cochrane, for *my* information *inherent* to the compoſition of the force under his command;—*as to my own idea of the ſeparate effect or operation of that force to the weſtward*, ſee Remarks, p. 240 to 243. J. S. 1784.

‡ The Letter here mentioned by the Colonel is *that* of June 17th from the Select Committee to *him*; copy of which (p. 286), was received by me on the 29th. I beg leave alſo to refer to my Letter to the Select Committee and Remarks on that occaſion, from p. 282 to 289. J. S. 1784.

§ The alarming accounts alluded to, were communicated to the Colonel, and to Mr. J. Sulivan in my Letters of June 17th (p. 230 to 232); and I had every reaſon to expect they would have reached Tanjore on the 19th, and Trichinopoly the day following, *inſtead of the 24th as reported.* See Remarks, p. 475. J. S. 1784.

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*return of the French ſquadron to Cuddalore, and the abſence of the Engliſh Fleet, will juſtify my moving towards you with all poſſible expedition, notwithſtanding any orders * of a different tendency, communicated to me previouſly to the preſent ſituation of affairs upon the coaſt;* and notwithſtanding the particular circumſtances under which I act, in my preſent command †, which I conceive myſelf to hold under the appointment of the Government of Madras, and with the ſantion of the Commander in Chief, as communicated to me in your Letter of the 28th of April, I take the liberty of mentioning this point, in order to prevent my ideas from being miſunderſtood on a ſubject that involves a greater *variety of diſcuſſion*, and a more extenſive military

* The principle on which Colonel Fullarton acted, *as here expreſſed*, does him credit; and I took the firſt occaſion that offered, to do *him* juſtice upon the records of the Eaſt India Company, and in the following words (Summary State of Facts and Proofs, p. 31, 32):

" When at laſt, and very late indeed, that very force arrived at Trichinopoly (June " 16th), Colonel Fullarton, after being informed of the action (June 13th), and hearing " from me and others of the ſituation of the French Fleet, and united land and ſea force " at Cuddalore; and that we were abandoned by our own Fleet; and upon my reiterated " orders to move towards me, though *at the time* poſſeſſed of the Letter of the Select " Committee, ordering him to move in a total contrary direction, yet with great pro- " priety, from a ſenſe of his real duty to that very Government which gave the orders, " ſaw the matter in its true light, and made the movements towards me by my orders.

" This ſhews clearly what is the real public duty of an officer of reſponſibility, in- " truſted with a command, and that, in what Colonel Fullarton and I did on this occaſion, " and indeed by the nature of all orders to officers of rank, at ſuch diſtance from the ſeat " of Government, the urgency of unexpected events muſt be the excuſe for diſpenſing " with the moſt poſitive orders of this, and of every Government, in order to avoid the " greater evil; a conduct which, with every *wiſe* Government, will explain itſelf, and " which, under no colour of propriety, of candour, or of juſtice, would be *conſtrued into an* ☞ " *act of diſobedience*, but, on the contrary, be called *truly meritorious*." J. S. 1784.

† I am at a loſs to know wherein the *peculiarity* of the Colonel's ſituation conſiſted, he having been *originally* recommended *by me* to Government in September 1782, as *ſecond* in command to the ſouthward. He ſucceeded as *firſt*, upon Colonel Lang's return in the beginning of May, and in *that* ſituation received the orders of Government, as mentioned in *my* inſtructions to him, in like manner as Colonel (afterwards Major General) Jones had done, during *his* command to the northward, who never once imagined there was any *peculiarity* in his ſituation" *involving variety of diſcuſſion*, &c. J. S. 1784.

ſituation, than I believe has ever belonged to any King's officer employed before me in India.

I have, &c.

(Signed) Wᴹ FULLARTON.

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## From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

SIR, *Camp at Pualour, July* 3, 1783.

I HAD the honour to inform you in Duplicate, on the firſt, of many circumſtances which had unavoidably retarded my march towards you, and alſo incloſing a copy of a Letter of the Select Committee to me, dated 17th of June, *over-ruling all previous orders that I may have received.* I have however thought it my duty *, in conſequence of the alarming accounts received from the coaſt, to continue my march towards you with the utmoſt expedition. I am in hopes of collecting a conſiderable quantity of cattle on my march. Thoſe I have left on the other ſide of the Coleroon will be much more ſafely conveyed to you or to the ſquadron (ſhould it return), between the rivers, than on this ſide, eſpecially conſidering the rapid marches I ſhall make.

Agreeably to your directions I have requeſted Mr. Sulivan to provide us with grain not only for this Army, but for yours. You muſt however, be ſenſible, Sir, that, with twelve days proviſions on the *ſoldiers* backs, and with a ſcarcity of bullocks and conveyance, it is impoſſible to take advantage of any efforts that Mr. Sulivan might make to ſupply us; and, as I underſtand from yours and other Letters, that grain is a valuable and ſcarce commodity at Cuddalore, I think myſelf bound to ſtate † the *embarraſſments* that may eventually ariſe from this Army, ſhould we be unable to diſcover on our march any ſupplies of grain. I ſhall uſe every effort to procure ourſelves a ſufficiency; but I ſhall

* See * p. 481. J. S. 1784.

† The cauſes of all *my embarraſſments* are ſtated, p. 340; and yet I judged it proper, *for the ſake of appearance* to our numerous enemies, who were ignorant of our real diſtreſs, that the Colonel ſhould continue to move on, *however late*, towards Cuddalore, though at ſome riſk of wanting rice, after M. Suffrein became maſter at ſea there!

J. S. 1784.

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truſt much to the information I ſhall receive from the coaſt of the events by ſea and land.

I have left the 23d battalion, the Topaſſes, and grenadier Sibendies, as well as ſome Europeans, on the other ſide of the Coleroon; and Colonel Forbes remains there, to act as circumſtances may require.

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

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## From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Camp at Camarſewalla, 17 miles from Warrior-pollam, July 5, 1783. At night.*

I HAD the honour to receive your Letter of the 29th*; and ſhall moſt regularly inform you of every day's movements. I have in the laſt three days marched more than 50 miles †. I have this night written to Mr. Cochrane, encloſing the return of the troops left to the ſouthward of the Coleroon ‡. I preſume this will be ſafer, and nearly as expeditious as by Harcarahs.

I have alſo a general return, in form, ready for your inſpection, as I mentioned in my laſt. I took the liberty of encloſing, on the 1ſt of July, a Letter I received from the Select Committee, dated 17th June, deſiring me *to conſider all orders I have received, or may receive, as overruled, excepting ſuch as come through the Committee.* I alſo informed you, Sir, that Colonel Forbes remained with three battalions on the other ſide of the Coleroon: but theſe battalions, you will perceive, are included in the ſtrength of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, viz. the 23d, the grenadier Sibendies, and Topaſſes. I ſhall write you fully to-morrow. *I underſtand we ſhall not reach Warrior-pollam till the day † after to-morrow.*

(Signed) W^M FULLARTON.

* See this Letter, p. 279, 280. J. S. 1784.

† The time which I calculated it would require in *eaſy* marches, with *one* halting day, for Colonel Fullarton's force to join me, after croſſing at Trichinopoly, *was eight days*; in which time (if I rightly remember) Colonel Stuart and Lieutenant Colonel Elphinſtone, with their reſpective detachments, *marched the ſame route ſoon after* (in July and September 1783). J. S. 1784.

‡ See Ext. 2d. p. 331. J. S. 1784.

## From Colonel FULLARTON to Major General STUART.

*Sheverendum, oppoſite to Combeconum,*
*July* 6, 1783. *(Received the* 9*th.)*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Army is encamped here; we have marched near 70 miles in four days*; the Europeans and bullocks are conſiderably fatigued.

I had the honour of writing to you yeſterday, and tranſmitting to Mr. Cochrane a return of the troops left in the Southern Garriſons, in which I did not include the ſmall parties employed in different commands in the country.

(Signed) W^m FULLARTON.

*P. S.* It will be impoſſible for us to reach Warrior-pollam in one march †.

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The following Return was laid before the Council of War (p. 338 to 341), by Captain MOORHOUSE, Field Commiſſary of Stores; being the ſtatement of what muſt have been left in charge of *M. de Buſſy upon receipt*, if the orders of the Select Committee of Fort. St. George, ſent to Major General Bruce, had been *literally* obeyed.

J. S. 1784.

A Return of Ordnance and Stores in Camp that *cannot* be carried with the Army. Camp at Cuddalore, July the 6th, 1783.

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| Guns, iron, with carriages and limbers complete, 24 Pdrs. | 6 | Mortars, braſs, with beds, 5½ do. | 4 |
| 18 ditto, | 4 | Beds, ſpare, for mortars, 8 do. | 1 |
| Carriages, ſpare, with limbers complete, 24 Pdrs. - | 1 | 5½ do. | 1 |
| 18 ditto, - | 1 | Carriages, tranſporting, - | 2 |
| Mortars, braſs, with beds, 8 inch, | 3 | Gin complete, - - | 1 |
| | | Platforms for guns, - | 13 |
| | | ——— for mortars, - | 3 |

* See † p. 483. J. S. 1784.

† There is no doubt of the Colonel's having met with difficulties to retard the march, from the *lateneſs* of the ſeaſon; but the time elapſed *ſince* his receiving my orders of 31ſt May, *is as ſtated*, ‡ p. 451, 452. J. S. 1784.

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| Sleepers for two platforms | | |
| Frontlets, | 24 Pdrs. | 3 |
| Blinds, | | 11 |
| Mantlets, | | 3 |
| Momoties with helves, | | 1050 |
| Axes, pick, | | 423 |
| Spades, | | 106 |
| Shovels, | | 200 |
| Crows, iron, | | 30 |
| Saphooks with ſtaves, | | 20 |
| Helves for pick-axes, | | 50 |
| Gun powder, 60lb. barrels, | | 1379 |
| 100lb. ditto, | | 1438 |
| Mealed powder, ditto, | | 3 |
| Cartridges, ſhotted muſket, | do. | 200 |
| Shot, iron round, | 24 Pdrs. | 3941 |
| ——— | 18 ditto, | 2589 |
| ——— | 12 ditto, | 3000 |
| Grape ſhot, | 24 ditto, | 93 |
| ——— | 18 ditto, | 80 |
| Shells, empty, | 8 inch, | 831 |
| Shells, empty, | 5½ ditto, | 1576 |
| Hand grenades, | | 630 |
| Ladles with wadhooks, | 24 Pdrs. | 6 |
| Spunges with rammer heads, | 24 do. | 12 |
| ——— | 8 inches, | 10 |
| ——— | 5½ ditto, | 10 |
| Cartridges, cloth, empty | 24 Pdrs. | 7000 |
| ——— | 18 do. | 4500 |
| ——— | 12 do. | 1900 |
| Tubes, filled, | 24 do. | 2767 |
| ——— | 18 do. | 4000 |
| ——— | 12 do. | 2000 |
| Fuzes, drove, | 8 inch, | 1600 |
| ——— | 5½ do. | 2800 |
| Drivers for ſetting fuzes, | | 3 |
| Setters, | 8 inch, | 20 |
| Hand grenade, | | 4 |
| Sand bags, large, | | 980 |
| ——— ſmall, | | 916 |
| Buckets, rattan, | | 2567 |
| Handſpikes, purchaſing, | | 188 |
| Haverſacks, | | 74 |
| Linſtocks with cocks, | | 7 |
| Barrels, empty, | | 78 |
| Cordage, Europe, coils, | | 10 |
| Junck, - candies, | | 2 |
| Collars, rope, heavy, | | 9 |
| ——— bullock leather, | | 6 |
| Yokes, ſingle, fixed, | | 6 |
| ——— unfixed, | | 6 |
| ——— double, fixed to traces, | | 87 |
| Pins for yokes, | | 616 |
| Fids, wooden, | | 36 |
| Quoin gun, upper, | | 6 |
| ——— under, | | 4 |
| ——— mortar, 8 inch, upper, | | 7 |
| ——— under, | | 6 |
| ——— 5½ inch upper, | | 7 |
| ——— under, | | 4 |
| Sinnit (balls), 24 and 18 Pdrs. | | 4 |
| Tompions with collars, 24 ditto, | | 6 |
| ——— 8 inch, | | 4 |
| ——— 5½ inch, | | 6 |
| Aprons, canvas, | | 6 |
| Staves, ſpunge, | | 42 |
| Planks, | | 28 |
| Boards, ſheathing, | | 37 |
| Nails, ſpike, | | 1000 |
| ——— 6, 10 and 20 penny, | lbs. | 50 |
| Kegs, empty, | | 22 |
| Bars for double yokes, | | 26 |
| Ladders, ſcaling, | | 11 |
| Gun braſs, | 12 Pdr. | 1 |
| Guns, iron, (Taken from the enemy.) | 9 do. | 1 |
| | 4½ do. | 3 |
| | 2½ do. | 2 |
| | 3 do. | 3 |
| | 18 do. | 2 |
| | 9 do. | 2 |
| | 5 do. | 1 |
| | 4½ do. | 1 |
| Tumbrils, ammunition, | | 6 |
| Caſts for ſhot, | | 4 |

(Signed) JOS. MOORHOUSE,
Comy of Stores to the Army.

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The preceding return of ſtores has a reference to the Encloſure (p. 341), where the calculation is ſtated (*) of the number of Laſcars and bullocks that would have been needed *(above the marching complement)* to have moved thoſe ſtores from off the ground of the encampment. J. S. 1784.

## * The following was the Opinion of Major General STUART given to Major General BRUCE, at the Council of War, July 11th (p. 338 to 341).

At the COUNCIL of WAR held in the Tent of Major General Bruce, *commanding the Carnatic Army in the Field*, my Opinion being aſked upon ſeveral Queſtions under deliberation, my Anſwers to the Queſtions were as follows. J. S. 1784.

Queſt. 1. *Is it practicable bodily to move this Army as it is now ſituated?*

*Anſ.* 1. The impracticability is ſelf-evident in the preſent ſtate of things; it might have been indeed in a great degree leſſened, if the Government of Fort St. George had thought of ſending the proviſion and ſtore-ſhips from Madras ſo ſoon as *they* knew the ſea was open (on the 4th and 5th July). The proviſions ſent in that way would have relieved the preſent diſtreſs, and the ſhips might have conveyed back the artillery ſtores, and ſick and wounded. They have not done ſo; and the impracticability of moving, daily encreaſes thereby, and much time is and will be loſt.

Queſt. 2. *What is your opinion reſpecting the* propriety *of applying to the Marquis de Buſſy to take charge of our military ſtores, which cannot be moved, according to the returns laid before the Council of War?*

*Anſ.* 2. *Improper* in the higheſt degree; and the very idea, in my opinion, *diſgraceful.* I don't believe ſuch a propoſition was ever before heard of from an *Engliſh* Government or an Engliſh General; the moſt humiliating ſituation, *even the paſſing the yoke*, could not juſtify it! *Tippoo Sahib* has a certain time, *optional*, to accede to the peace; and the more he gains in that time, it will be ſo much better for *France.* M. Buſſy doubtleſs will endeavour to bring him into the Carnatic, to ſettle every thing for *mutual* advantage; and what greater

* I gave the Copy of this Paper for *record*, after my return to the Preſidency, in July 1783. J. S. 1784.

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inducement could *he* have to offer to *Tippoo* than the repreſention of our debilitated ſtate, obliging us to put all our ſtores into his *(M. Buſſy's)* power?

The Letter received by Major General Bruce (as from *M. Buſſy to Tippoo)*, the 3d inſtant *, bears every probable mark of authenticity.

In a word, I repeat my humble opinion, that nothing but an almoſt total deprivation of common ſenſe, or of the ſentiments of *national honour*, could warrant ſuch a proceeding on the part of an *Engliſh* General!

Queſt. 3. *How far is it expedient, in the preſent ſituation of this Army, to make the detachment directed by the Honourable the Select Committee to join the Army under Colonel Fullarton?*

Anſ. 3. In the preſent ſtate of things, and ſituated as this Army is, and after attending to the papers communicated by Major General Bruce, I think it would be highly inexpedient *now* to make the detachment to the extent mentioned. I muſt again obſerve, that the *not* ſending the ſtore and proviſion-ſhips, particularly the *not* ſending money with Captain Gower of his Majeſty's ſhip the *Medea*, which ſailed the 8th from Madras, and which brought the Right Honourable Preſident's Letter to Major General Buce, of that date; I ſay this omiſſion or neglect is the chief cauſe of any delay in ſending a detachment, ſuppoſing the ſervice required its co-operation with the Southern Force, which I am not yet a judge of, as *not* knowing the preciſe plans of Government in that reſpect.

(Signed) JAMs STUART.

J. S. 1784.

* See Encloſure, p. 322.

# ADVERTISEMENT.

*I HAVE thus gone through the Correſpondence on all ſides, with every material paper in my poſſeſſion, connected with the Campaign againſt the* French *at Cuddalore, from the day the Army under my command marched from the neighbourhood of the Preſidency, in* April, *to the day when I left the Army near Cuddalore, in* July 1783.

*It has been put out of my power to give the* official *form of authenticity to the papers produced; but they are the exact copies of the originals in my poſſeſſion, tranſcribed, at the time, either by myſelf or by the gentlemen of my family; and I believe them to be* very faithful copies; *or, if there are* miſtakes, *I am ſure they are not* intentional, *and I ſhall be very ready to make the corrections or alterations that may be neceſſary to render them conformable to the* original *documents on the records of the Company, or* elſewhere: *—it may alſo ſo happen that eſſential papers are wanting during the above period:—I know of none really ſuch; but if there are, I ſhall think myſelf obliged to any one to furniſh them; and if I am furniſhed with ſuch, I ſhall ſubjoin them—my object being to bring forward the* real *true State of Facts, during the important period here treated of, from whatever quarter it may come, properly authenticated.*

(Signed) JAM$^{S}$ STUART, 1784.